

DTI accused over Barlow Clowes affair

Ombudsman speaks of 'maladministration'

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Ombudsman yesterday described the Government's involvement in the Barlow Clowes financial scandal as an "apparent case of maladministration".

Sir Anthony Barrowclough, the Ombudsman, said there was little doubt that personal injustice had been suffered by a large number of members of the public who had invested money in the companies.

The Ombudsman told the Labour MP, Mr Alfred Morris, that he would not undertake an investigation while the Department of Trade and Industry continued with its own internal inquiry.

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Government had ignored top-level warnings when it granted Barlow Clowes a licence to deal with the public in October 1985 (Lawrence Lever writes).

The warnings came from senior figures in Nasdim, the City watchdog which had been tracking Barlow Clowes for several months.

Moreover, the DTI granted a licence to Barlow Clowes despite strong evidence that the company had been trading without a licence - and therefore illegally - for more than a year.

The British end of Barlow Clowes - which was licensed by the DTI - was closed down by the new City watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board.

The SIB said that it had found evidence of doctoring of clients' records, unauthorised removal of clients' money and seriously inaccurate returns being submitted by Barlow Clowes to the DTI.

Barlow Clowes investors who put their money in the Gibraltar arm are facing losses of more than £100 million.

Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow trade and industry spokesman, welcomed the comments from the Ombudsman saying he was surprised at how frank Sir Anthony had been about the Barlow Clowes case.

He said: "I welcome very much Sir Anthony saying that there was an apparent case of maladministration for the Department of Trade to answer. It is significant that Sir Anthony has made these remarks as I would have thought that he would not have become involved as an internal inquiry is taking place."

A church has become the latest victim of the Barlow Clowes affair. Churchgoers who spent five years fundraising for a community centre have been told their parish could have lost £42,500 in the collapse.

The vicar, the Rev Bill Moxon, broke the news from the pulpit of St John the Evangelist in Atrincham, Cheshire, where a £75,000 building project has had to be halted. The congregation had raised around £15,000 towards the cost of the centre by jumble sales.

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Police name four wanted for ship attack



Philippa Moore, aged 16 and Nicola Sheare, aged 15, from Our Lady of Sion Convent, Worthing, landing in London yesterday still shocked from their ordeal on the City of Poros



Greek police released these photographs of three men in connection with the attack. The man on the left was said to be Zozab Mohammed, snatched by the ship's photographer.

Ferry massacre 'linked to plan for hijacking'

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The implications of the Greek ferry massacre widened last night when the authorities made a firm link between Monday's cruise ship attack and a car bomb explosion on the mainland a few hours earlier in which three people were killed.

Police believe that the original terrorist plan was to hijack the ferry, take it into port and then take on board more arms.

Photographs of four people involved in the ferry massacre, in which eight people died, were released yesterday.

Two of the men, Amut Abdel-Hamid, 36, and Mohamed Zozad, 21, both Lebanese passport holders, were identified from photographs taken earlier on Monday by the ship's photographer. They were believed to have boarded the vessel at its departure point at the Trocadero Marina east of Piraeus.

The other two, a man and a woman, were also photographed by the ship's photographer but they have not been officially identified.

Mr Anastasio Schiotis, the minister of public order, said Abdel-Hamid arrived in Greece on May 10 and Zozad had been in Greece since May 31.

He said Abdel-Hamid had rented the car that was wrecked by the double explosion on Monday afternoon, killing its three occupants. Both men disappeared from their Athens seaside hotel on Saturday.

The other man being sought was believed to have a Lebanese passport and the woman Moroccan documents. They had boarded the City of Poros

on Monday at Aegina Island at 5pm, the last stop before the 6.45pm attack.

The identity of the car's occupants was still unknown last night but forensic experts who re-assembled the remains believe that there were three people. Police said they had found five shoes in the debris.

The authorities revised the toll from nine to eight yesterday when it was discovered that one badly charred body had been counted as two.

It is thought that the four terrorists who boarded the City of Poros with light weap-

ons would have commandeered the ship and taken it back to Phaleron Bay for the heavy explosives stocked in the rented car to be placed aboard.

The intention would have been either to blow up the ship with its 471 passengers and 25 crew members in retaliation, for the downing of the Iranian Airbus in the Gulf; or to hold it in ransom for the release of Mohamed Rashid, aged 43, a Palestinian detained at Athens airport on May 30 with a false Syrian passport.

The United States has filed an application for his extradition in connection with charges relating to an explosion aboard Pan Am FR30 from Tokyo to Honolulu in August 1982 in which a Japanese schoolboy was killed and fifteen others were injured.

Rashid is also suspected of being involved with a bomb which tore a hole in a TWA airliner in 1986 as it came to

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Metal fatigue may have caused oil rig disaster

By David Sapsted and Ruth Gledhill

Metal fatigue may have caused the gas leak that led to the disastrous explosion on the Piper Alpha platform last week.

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Texas senator is Dukakis's choice

From Michael Bayon, Washington

Mr Michael Dukakis yesterday announced that he had chosen Senator Lloyd Benetsen of Texas to be his Democratic vice-presidential running mate. The powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee is a moderate conservative with almost 40 years experience in Congress.

Mr Benetsen, aged 67, was not widely considered to be on the short list, but he is seen as bringing vital southern support to the apparent Democratic nominee. Texas, with 29 electoral college votes, provides the third largest group of presidential voters.

Mr Benetsen, who has long championed oil interests, is also expected to help the Massachusetts governor in Louisiana and Oklahoma.

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where the economies are suffering from the fall in oil prices.

Mr Benetsen was selected over people who had figured more prominently in the search for a running mate. These included Senators John Glenn, Bob Graham and Al

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Nagorno-Karabakh defies Kremlin to declare UDI

Moscow (AP) - The legislature of Nagorno-Karabakh, the mostly Armenian mountain enclave wracked for months by strikes and demonstrations, last night defied central authorities and voted to secede from the republic of Azerbaijan and join Armenia, the first time in Soviet history such a decision has been taken.

The legislature voted with only one abstention to secede and rename the area the Artsakh Autonomous Region of Armenia, reporters for the local radio station said. But the move appears to have little legal standing.

Mr Roy Medvedev, a dissident historian, commented: "It is unconstitutional. It cannot be considered legal. Never before in Soviet history had a region's legislature voted to withdraw from its host republic."

While the Soviet Constitution gives citizens the right to self-determination, it also re-

quires a republic's consent for any proposed changes in its boundaries. Nagorno-Karabakh is an autonomous region of Azerbaijan and on February 20 its legislature asked the Azerbaijani and Armenian governments to approve the transfer. Armenia's legislature agreed on June 15, but Azerbaijan's parliament rejected the request two days later.

Nagorno-Karabakh's legislature, apparently feeling the pressure of economically devastating strikes and street rallies, took the daring decision yesterday to announce unilaterally withdrawal from Azerbaijan.

"The Soviet of People's Deputies of the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region declares its secession from the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic," said the statement, read by telephone by reporters for the radio station in the region's main city, Stepanakert.

Armenians, predominantly

Christian, consider Nagorno-Karabakh to be part of their ancestral homeland and make up more than three-quarters of its population. But the region was incorporated into mostly Moslem Azerbaijan in 1923.

The dispute erupted in strikes and street demonstrations by Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia itself in February, and has sparked ethnic violence.

Tuesday's decision defies central authorities all the way up to the Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachev, and tests the Kremlin's tolerance of assertions of rights by the country's more than 100 national groups. Mr Gorbachev, under his policy of glasnost, or openness, has encouraged citizens to speak out.

He told a Communist Party conference on June 28 that the powers of the country's 15 union republics, the autonomous republics and other ethnic entities should be expanded.

Stay of execution for Sharpeville Six

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, announced last night that the execution of the five black men and one black woman, known as the Sharpeville Six, had been postponed indefinitely to allow their lawyers time to exhaust all legal possibilities of saving them from the gallows.

The six - sentenced to death for their part in the mob murder of a black township official four years ago - had been due to hang on July 19. They will now not need to apply for another stay of execution.

On June 13, the Supreme Court turned down an application to have the trial reopened to permit re-examination of a witness who now says he falsely implicated at least two of the six, under police pressure.

Lawyers for the six are awaiting a reply to a petition

to the Chief Justice for leave to appeal against the Supreme Court's decision. If that petition fails, which is thought likely, the six would still have a final right of appeal to President Botha, who has already once refused to exercise clemency.

Legal experts here say President Botha could also order the Supreme Court to reopen the case.

LONDON: The latest stay of execution on the Sharpeville Six was welcomed in Downing Street last night, where Mrs Thatcher had earlier seen the sister of one of the six (Robin Oakley writes).

Whitehall sources reaffirmed Mrs Thatcher's willingness to make a further plea for clemency to President Botha once the legal processes have been exhausted, if the six remain under threat of hanging.

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Rebel parents win surprise concession on choice of school

By David Tytler, Education Editor

The 22 families who fought a council order to send their children to a mainly Asian school were on the brink of victory last night after a surprise concession in the High Court when their children were offered places in the schools of their choice.

Their lawyers immediately travelled to West Yorkshire to consult the parents who had accused Kirkstall Metropolitan Council of acting illegally. This morning they will return to the High Court to give their decision.

In what appeared to be a sudden conciliatory move halfway through the second day of the hearing, the council offered the children places at the predominantly white Overthorpe and Thornhill schools. For more than a year, the council had said there was room for the children only in Headfield Church of England School, Dewsbury, where 85% of pupils are of Asian origin.

acted unlawfully. They claim that Headfield School was in breach of the 1944 Education Act by not starting every morning with a Christian assembly and that the school provided insufficient Christian education.

The parents had complained that the council had contravened the Race Relations Act by setting artificial limits at Overthorpe or Thornhill in order to improve the racial mix at Headfield. In a statement to the court, Mr Michael Beloff QC, for Kirkstall, said the council continued to deny that.

Mr Beloff said that it was apparent that the focus of the parents' challenge had shifted from an allegation that the council was involved in trying to establish a particular racial mix to a claim that the council had not complied with certain statutory obligations about the publishing of school admission arrangements.

He went on: "While the council do not concede that they did not comply with their statutory obligations in 1987, they have taken the opportunity of reviewing the present situation in July 1988. They are happy to make an offer to the applicants in these proceedings."

The offer will apply to all 22 families and to other parents who are appealing against the council's refusal to give their children places at Overthorpe and Thornhill for the 1988/89 school year. Mr Beloff stressed that this was not an offer for the future to all parents. The council could not allow Overthorpe or Thornhill to become overstretched.

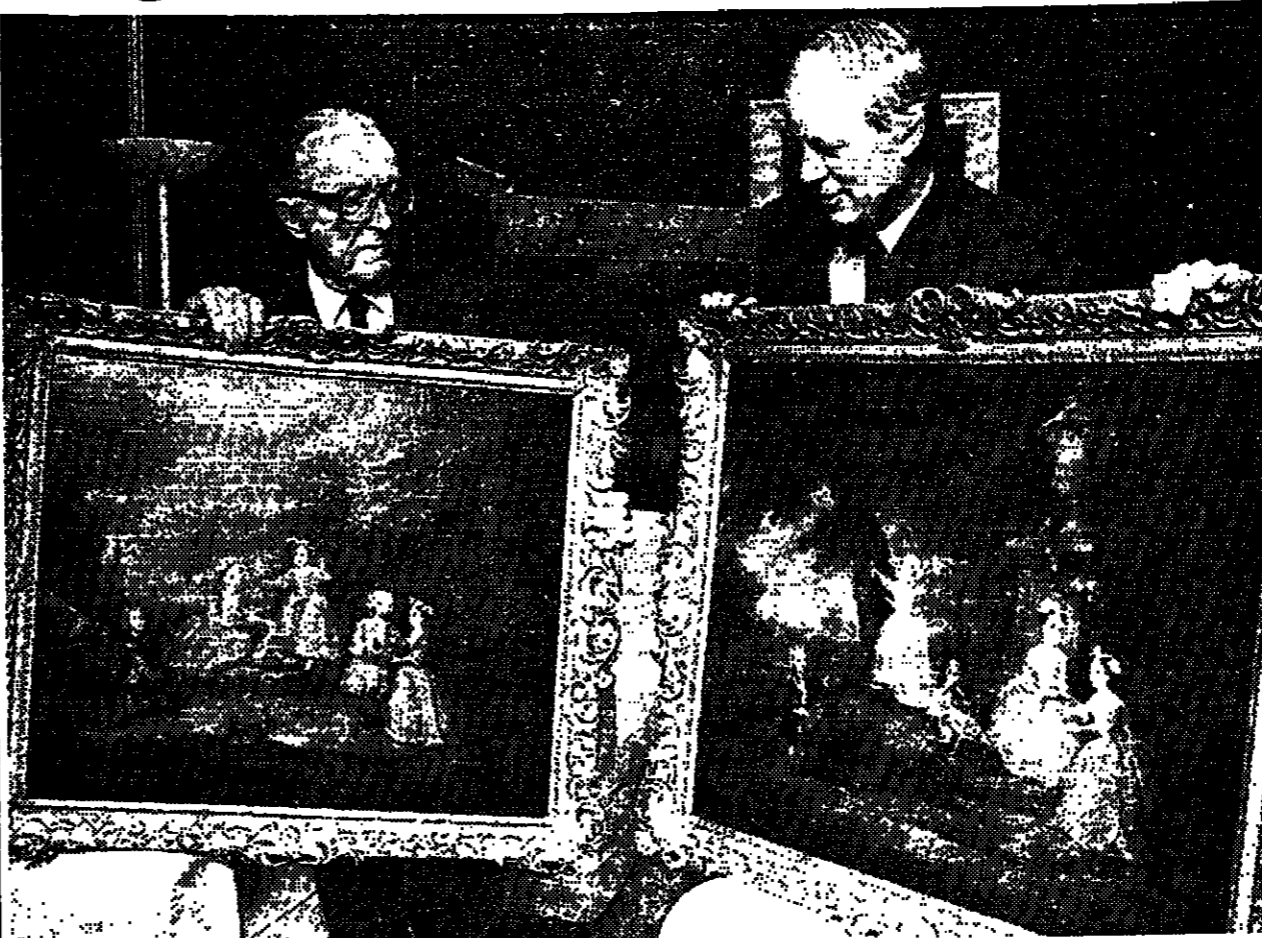
The council offer was welcomed last night by Mr Nick Seaton, of the Campaign for Real Education, who said: "Local education authorities throughout the country will now have to pay more attention to parental choice and will have to be more careful in herding children into unpopular schools simply for managerial reasons."

In fact, it will become more difficult for authorities to set artificial limits in popular schools when the Education Reform Bill becomes law at the end of this month. Under the "open enrolment" policy schools will be obliged to take children up to the maximum number allowed, whereas until now, some local education authorities, often to protect less popular schools, have set lower limits.

Mr Eric Haley, spokesman for the Dewsbury parents and landlord of the Thornhill Lees Hotel where the children have been attending lessons, would make no comment last night — on legal orders. "I've been told not to open the bottles of celebratory champagne, but I admit that I have been loosening the corks on a few of my best vintages", he said.

Mr Ken Dransfield, a former South African school inspector, who has been teaching the children, broke down on hearing the news. "Governors of Burnage High School in Manchester, where Ahmed Ullah, an Asian pupil, was murdered in the playground, will ask the city council education committee to remove Mr Peter Moors, the acting headmaster. They believe he is partially to blame for the breakdown of the school's race policies."

Hogarth's bought for the nation



Lord Carrington (left), Christie's chairman, with "A House of Cards", and Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, holding "A Children's Party", after the announcement of the two paintings' acquisition yesterday (Photograph: Alan Weller).

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

An important pair of paintings by William Hogarth has been withdrawn from auction at the eleventh hour and saved for the nation.

The move follows an emergency initiative by the Museums and Galleries Commission.

The paintings, "A House of Cards" and "A Children's Party", thought to portray the offspring of Thomas Fermor (later 1st Earl of Pomfret) in front of Easton Neston, their Northamptonshire home, also serve as allegories of human failings such as vanity and preoccupation with fortune.

The pair had been sent for sale at Christie's this Friday by Robert and Johnny Fermor-Hesketh, brothers of Lord Hesketh, who is a government spokesman on the arts.

Yesterday, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, announced that the paintings had been accepted in lieu of tax.

The acceptance will discharge an inheritance tax owed to the Inland Revenue of £1.25 million. The price is the equivalent of the paintings fetching £2.7 million at auction, after which tax deductions would have reduced it to the same figure, £1.25 million. The Inland Revenue has agreed to wipe out £1.25 million of the brothers' inheritance tax bill.

Christie's were quick to take credit, saying they are "pleased... to have successfully completed negotiations for the transfer to the nation of an important pair of pictures by William Hogarth."

Mr Mark Wrey, a spokesman, said: "We hoped all along the paintings would go to the nation, but if we had

just wanted and waited no decision would have been made."

That is in direct contradiction to another version of events from museum sources, whereby Christie's had been very reluctant to surrender these two prize commodities, and accordingly have their commission reduced by half.

An indication that the auction house had expected the sale to go ahead is the appearance of photographs in Friday's catalogue, and an advertisement in *Country Life*, the magazine, only last week.

According to a government rule, owners of items exempt from tax after September 1982 are required to give notice of sale to Museums & Galleries Commission.

This Christie's duly did. It was only on June 9, however, that the auction house formally offered the Hogarth paintings as tax-in-lieu candidates.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator £4,000 for pensioner

Yesterday's Portfolio prize of £4,000 was won by Mr Zygmund Szot, aged 73, of Lynton Road, Acton, west London.

Before his retirement, he was a stock control administrator in a small private company.

Mr Szot, a reader of *The Times* for the past 30 years, has played Portfolio since it began.

"I have never had this type of luck before", he said.

'Hacker' ordered off computers

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

A teenage computer expert was banned yesterday by a London court from "hacking" into computer systems as a condition of bail.

Mr Nicholas Whiteley, aged 19, of Enfield, north London, was released on bail until October 4 by magistrates at Bow Street on condition he does not access any computer system without the express consent of the owners.

Mr Whiteley, who works as a computer operator for a chemical research company, faces three charges of causing damage to a university system through hacking, under the 1971 Criminal Damage Act, the 1968 Theft Act, and the 1984 Telecommunications Act. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Det Inspector John Austen, of Scotland Yard's computer crime squad, said he was asking for a three-month adjournment to allow for police inquiries.

Husband accused of insurance cover motive

Gun death in kitchen

A Civil Servant heavily in debt shot his wife at point blank range to claim her life insurance policy, Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mrs Heather Wesson, aged 41, of Long Eaton, Derbyshire, was shot in the chest as she was doing the family ironing. Mr John Milmo, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Her son William, aged 10, who was playing outside, found his mother lying on the kitchen floor, minutes before bank and building society representatives, court officials and police officers were due to take possession of the family home.

Mr Milmo said Barry Wesson, aged 45, an officer with the Department of Health and Social Services, owed more than £50,000 to assorted creditors.

"Despite all his financial difficulties, he had always managed to keep up the payments on a series of life

premiums on his wife", Mr Milmo said.

Mr Wesson has pleaded not guilty to murder, saying his wife's death was an accident.

The court was told that on October 12 last year, Mrs Wesson went into the kitchen to do some ironing and her husband told his son he was going to clean his pump-action shotgun.

He began cleaning it in the kitchen with a duster and William went out to play. Minutes later, Mrs Wesson was shot.

Mr Milmo said a firearms expert believed Mrs Wesson was within 18 inches of the muzzle of the shotgun when it went off.

Mr William Wesson, aged 73, who lived with his son but was at work at the time of the shooting, said he knew nothing of the family's debt problem.

Asked if his son had ever requested financial assistance,

he replied: "He was probably too ashamed to ask for any help."

He described the night before the shooting as "an ordinary family evening".

Mr John Sefton of Barclays Bank, Nottingham, said he visited Mr Wesson to tell him about his forthcoming eviction and asked if he had found new accommodation. He said Mr Wesson replied: "There is no need to find alternative accommodation because the bank will be paid in full."

Police Constable Frank Murphy said he went to the Wesson house to stand by while an eviction order was served. As he reached the front door, Mr Wesson told him his wife had been shot.

PC Murphy said Mr Wesson asked "in a matter-of-fact manner" if she was dead. "He did not attempt to attend his wife's body", the constable told the court.

The case continues today.

Rape trial wife's 'sex jokes'

A woman police constable, whose husband is accused of being the Putney rapist, told a jury at the Central Criminal Court, London, yesterday how they laughed and joked about bondage. But the officer, aged 27, insisted her husband had never shown any interest in bondage, the trademark of the Putney rapist, who is alleged to have attacked nine women.

She told the jury: "There was nothing abnormal about our sexual intercourse. We laughed and joked about bondage. I think most people do. But he never expressed any such desire."

The WPC strenuously denied a suggestion by Mr Graham Boal, for the prosecution, that she was "des-

perately trying to protect him". "I'm telling the truth. I know these allegations are untrue", she replied.

The WPC, based in south London, went into the witness box yesterday afternoon to give evidence for her husband, a chef, aged 24, who denies raping seven women, indecently assaulting another, and attempting to rape a third.

She claimed her husband spent the night with her on some of the occasions he is alleged to have carried out rape attacks.

Answering questions from Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, for the defence, the woman, a born-again Christian, described meeting her hus-

band at a Baptist church in south London in 1979.

She began going out with him in November, 1981. They became engaged in May, 1986 and married the following August.

They settled down at the policeman's flat. In September her husband began going out for lone, night drives, the court heard.

"I was aware of this", she said. "I spoke to him about it. He said he wanted a bit of space. He wanted to get his confidence back. He wanted to have space for himself."

The WPC admitted she was concerned about his driving around alone. "I didn't like him going out. I was worried about his safety", she added.

Survey reveals women's dilemma

Feminism's happy legacy

Two decades of feminism have left most British women happy in their relationships and feeling that men treat them equally, according to a report released yesterday.

British women's priorities have changed, with more than half of working women questioned claiming that if faced with the choice they would not know whether to put their marriage or career first.

Most of the 4,000 women, aged between 16 and 45, who took part in the *Elle* magazine survey thought marriage was no longer the most important thing in their lives. Almost all, married or single, claimed they would happily co-habit with a man although most expected to get married. Only 1 per cent said they would give up their career after marriage.

The survey concludes: "There is now a generation of young women who know what they want, are prepared to work for it and have rejected the passive, desperate-to-

please mentality. They are happy with their emotional relationships and enjoy equal treatment from their partner."

But the findings contrast sharply with those of Shere Hite's book, *Women and Love, A Cultural Revolution*, based on a questionnaire sent to 4,500 women in the United States. Her work revealed that 98 per cent of American women were dissatisfied with their relationships, 92 per cent felt men treated them condescendingly, and 87 per cent claimed men did not pay attention when they raised serious issues.

Elle's survey found 88 per cent of British women are content with their present relationship, 81 per cent are treated equally by their men and 63 per cent of married women believe their marriage is the most important thing in their lives.

Paradoxically, British women felt fidelity was "very important" but half admitted

being unfaithful — a third of them with their present partner. When it came to housework, three-quarters of women said a man who did not share the load was not worth having, but in practice 13 per cent did all the housework, and half did most of it.

Most women felt confident discussing their sexual needs frankly with their partners, and 85 per cent said they had satisfactory sex lives, though one in seven admitted simulating satisfaction. The advent of Aids meant that of those who indulged in brief encounters, 79 per cent used condoms.

Of those surveyed, only 14 per cent were married, 26 per cent lived with a man, and 4 per cent were divorced or separated.

Only 7 per cent lived with a man and children, and 2 per cent were one-parent families. *Elle* admitted that the proportion of single career-oriented women surveyed was high.

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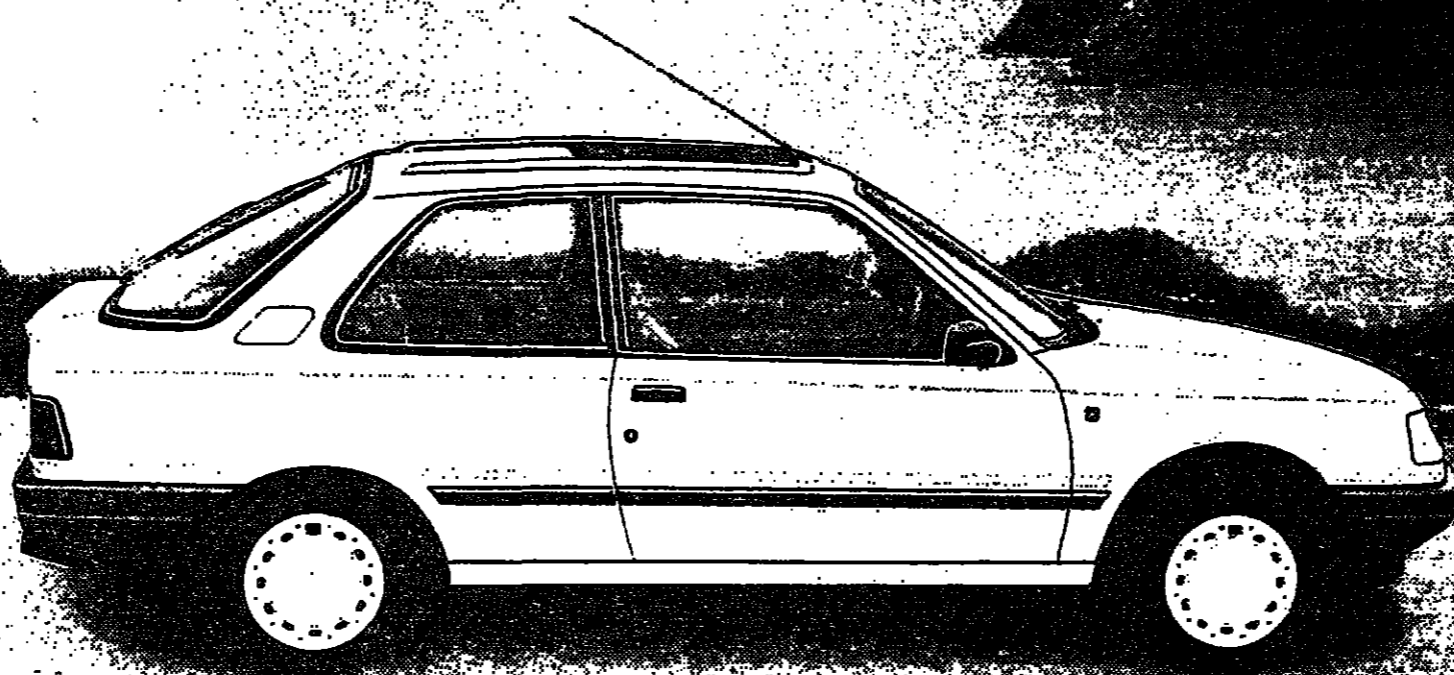
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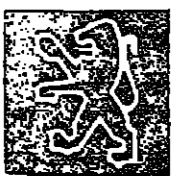
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High-speed trains will link London to Channel Tunnel

By Rodney Cowton and Christopher Warman

British Rail is expected to announce tomorrow plans for a high-speed link between London and the Channel Tunnel.

The link, costing as much as £1.3 billion depending on which route is chosen, would not come into use until the mid-to-late 1990s, and will be the subject of detailed study over the next two years.

In Kent, the county council is planning faster economic growth, with more houses and development within the Green Belt to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the tunnel and the M25.

A public examination of the council's revised plans for 1991-2001, set up by the Department of the Environment, opened yesterday in Maidstone, where Professor Gerald Smart of University College London, and two government officials are scheduled to hear 82 submissions, including those from conservation groups who oppose the proposals.

Another project being considered by British Rail is a route from Ashford, crossing the Thames in east London to link with the east coast mainline to provide a through route to the North. The first London terminal for tunnel passengers

will be at Waterloo, but British Rail will also retain an option to develop a second terminal underground at King's Cross.

Eurotunnel, the company which will operate the tunnel, has criticized British Rail for what was seen as its inadequate response to the need for rail links, particularly in regard to the 145mph average speed at which tunnel trains will be able to operate in France, and the 60mph average speed of trains in Kent.

However, British Rail has stuck to its plans for the first phase of operations, and will spend more than £500 million before the tunnel opens in 1993 on rolling stock, the upgrading of rail tracks south of London and the terminal at Waterloo.

It has been reluctant to rush into massive investment because of an obligation to obtain a return of 7 per cent on investment, and doubts as to how quickly tunnel traffic will build up.

The projects to be announced tomorrow are the result of a year-long study into what facilities will be required after 1993, but the developments in Kent will require parliamentary legislation, which ministers are under-

stood to want completed well before the opening of the tunnel.

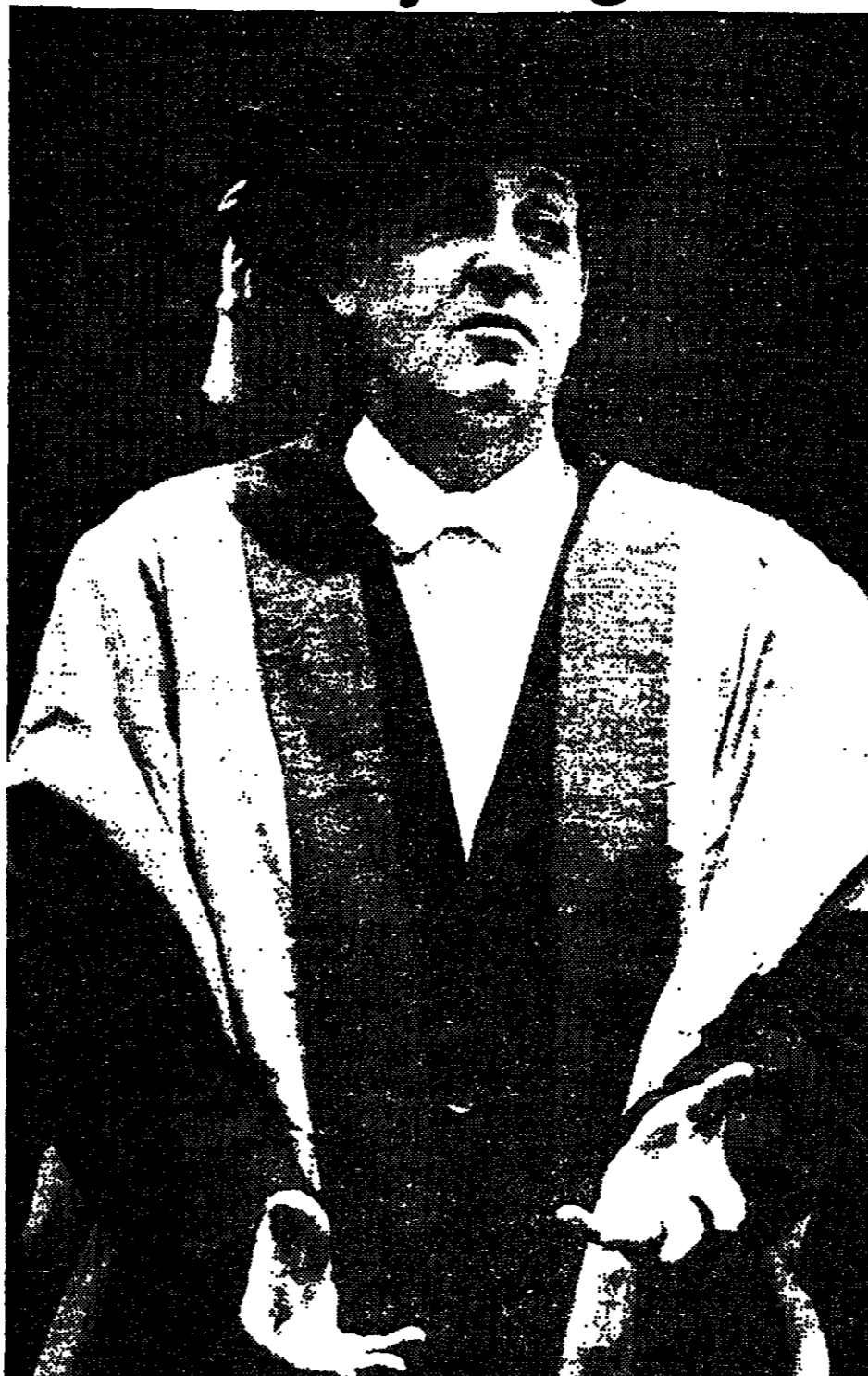
At the hearing in Maidstone yesterday, Mr Brian Briscoe, Kent county planning officer, emphasized that alterations to the county's structure plan were designed to strike a balance between the need for development and environmental factors.

He said that some representations would claim that the scale of proposed development would seriously damage the countryside, but he added: "The county council is very sensitive to the need to preserve these features, both for their own sake and recognizing that they contribute to the attraction of new investment, giving Kent its character. It is satisfied that such damage will not occur."

The Channel Tunnel will widen the North-South divide unless the Government finances improvements to rail communications, the North of England Regional Consortium said yesterday.

Immediate action was necessary if the North was not to lose out on the benefits the Channel Tunnel would bring, with the electrification of the Midland main line to Sheffield being a priority.

McCartney's high note



Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, wearing a scarlet gown and black velvet doctor's bonnet with yellow tassels as he receives an honorary doctorate at Sussex University, Brighton, yesterday.

The musician, who will be entitled to call himself Dr McCartney and place the letters Hon D Univ (Sussex) after his name, was presented with the degree by Lord March and Kinrara, the Chancellor, because of his contribution to music and his close links with Sussex.

McCartney, aged 46, and born in Liverpool, lives with his wife and four children on a 160-acre forest estate near Rye, East Sussex.

He joined 1,200 students at the degree ceremony at the Brighton Centre. His gown, trimmed with aquamarine lapels, was teamed with a white bow tie and black suede shoes.

McCartney was one of 15 chosen from more than 100 nominees by a 10-member committee of university dons and officials to receive an award. Others included Miss Anita Roddick, who founded the first of her Body Shop chain of stores in Brighton 12 years ago.

Mr Geoff Ivey, a university spokesman, said: "Paul will be allowed to call himself Dr McCartney if he wishes to as he has become a doctor of the university, 'Honoris Causa'."

"He has given pleasure to millions over the years and is a very distinguished modern composer. He also has lived in our county for many years and we have come to think of him as an adopted son of Sussex", he said. Others to have been awarded honorary degrees by the university include Lord Olivier, Albert Finney, Sir Yehudi Menuhin and Noel Coward. (Photograph: Roger Bamber)

Food poisoning is now at epidemic level, report says

By David Nicholson-Lord

Food poisoning has reached "epidemic" levels in Britain and become endemic in the food production system, it was claimed yesterday.

Despite advances in technology, the incidence of food poisoning has been climbing steadily since the war and has doubled in the past 10 years, reaching a record of more than 21,000 cases last year, according to the London Food Commission.

The commission, an independent research organization set up in 1984, published a guide, *Food Adulteration And How to Beat It*, yesterday to coincide with the launch of a food quality charter calling for a 10-point action plan to improve British food, including the reduction of additives and pesticides and farm fertilizer residues.

Ms Julie Sheppard, a science policy adviser and one of the report's authors, said: "We have created almost ideal conditions for the growth of pathogens throughout our food-producing and distributing system."

"At the moment we are only having to contend with

Salmonella but we are highly vulnerable should new and more deadly strains of bacteria develop in the future."

A leading member of a Government advisory committee also publicly attacked Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, and claimed the Government was trying to play down the threat to public hygiene represented by *Listeria*, a bacterium found in chilled convenience food and responsible for 500 cases of poisoning and 150 deaths per year.

The commission's charter calls for better enforcement of food hygiene standards, more information for consumers and greater research into hazards. It says Britain lags behind other nations in safety standards and is the "sick food" producer of Europe, threatening to drag the EEC down to its own level when policies are harmonized in 1992.

According to research by the commission, 43 per cent of fruit and vegetables have detectable pesticide residues.

Food Adulteration and How to Beat It (Unwin Paperbacks; £4.95p).

A rush for poetic English drawings

SALE ROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market
Correspondent

English drawings and watercolours, particularly those inspired by poetry, were in great demand at Christie's in London yesterday. At £77,000, J M W Turner's dreamily moonlit portrayal of the ruined Melrose Abbey achieved top price, at more than three times its estimate, selling anonymously.

At the same sale, a fluent drawing by John Constable, entitled "Washbrook, Noon", showing a horseman on a wooded lane, sold for five times its estimate, at £60,500, again anonymously.

A private collection of drawings solely by John Constable fetched their estimated total of £308,440.

The top lot in the collection, at £38,500, was a single sheet with two ink studies abutting each other. The upper shows a figure huddled against the rain in open country, and is inscribed with a stanza from a Robert Burns poem. The

lower shows a rainy Hampstead Heath.

The drawings were bought by the London dealers Oscar and Peter Johnson.

Other good prices for items in the collection included £24,200 (within estimate) for a pencil drawing of Cowdray Castle, near Petworth, and £28,600 (double its estimate) for a pencil drawing of Malvern Hall, Warwickshire.

Correction

In early editions yesterday, a table showed North West Herefordshire as the health authority with the highest mortality rate. This should have read North West Hertfordshire.

GCSE board attacks critics

By Douglas Broom and Sarah Thompson

A GCSE board launched a fierce attack yesterday on critics of the new examination, asserting that the maintenance of standards was its top priority.

The Southern Examining Group, whose examinations have been taken by half a million fifth formers this summer, denied that results would be "massaged" to hide any shortcomings in the GCSE.

Its official spokesman, Mr George Turnbull, said: "We are not in the position of having to make the statistics look better or worse than in previous years."

"Our only task is to make sure that the standards are the same."

"This myth that the top 10

per cent of candidates automatically get an A is emphatically not the case. It is a question of maintaining standards however many people qualify for a particular grade."

The examination papers would be marked against national grade criteria and checked with a library of former O level and CSE scripts to ensure that standards set in previous years were maintained.

Ten thousand examiners are marking pupils' work in more than a hundred subjects. The SEG says it sent out 3,750,000 examination papers to schools - a volume of paperwork weighing more than 100 tons.

More than 700,000 pupils

took the new exam in England, Wales and Northern Ireland this summer and the first results are expected to be published on August 24.

Teachers should be trained to recognize the ways children from different ethnic backgrounds react to similar situations, says the Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association in its evidence to the Government's inquiry on school discipline.

Teachers in all types of schools report that discipline is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain and the association advocates greater use of suspension and withdrawal units and "contracts" of good behaviour already pioneered by the National Association of Headteachers.

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...before it's too late.

A new generation is growing up in Cyprus who have never experienced how Greeks and Turks can live together in peace. The island has been sadly divided now for 14 years. This benefits no-one, yet attempts to solve the

problem have all been without success. The new President of Cyprus, George Vassilion, has agreed to meet the leader of the Turkish Cypriots, Rauf Denktash, but even if negotiations start this would only be the beginning.

Both communities have understandable anxieties. Trust and confidence needs to be built. This search for a solution deserves every encouragement before the opportunity is lost - possibly for ever.

Headmaster praises bravery in ordeal of bullets and flames

Convent girls tell of Greek cruise bloodbath

The party of British convent schoolgirls caught up in the Greece terrorist attack returned home yesterday still shaken by their ordeal, many weeping openly.

Two of the girls, Philippa More, aged 16, and her friend Nicola Sheard, aged 15, along with their Classics teacher, Mrs Celia Whitmore, from Worthing, West Sussex, recalled events on the City of Poros which left 10 dead and scores more holidaymakers injured.

home to watch her favourite television programme, Neighbours. Nicola, who was "absolutely shattered", wanted to see her parents and go to bed.

scorched by the fire. I saw one girl jump and felt terrible. All about her the injured and dying were lying groaning. I made it into a little fishing boat that had loads of people in it and we crouched down, fearful that it would topple over if we stood up.



Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, speaking to a tourist, Mr Ulf Lars Johansson, a victim of the attack by gunmen on the City of Poros. The Greek Prime Minister visited several of the injured in hospital in Athens yesterday.

Dukakis continues to set the pace as voters' doubts over candidates grow

Mr Michael Dukakis, the Democratic candidate in the US presidential election, is holding his strong lead over Vice-President George Bush, but both men have slipped in public esteem, according to an opinion poll released yesterday by The New York Times and CBS Television.

The survey, considered one of the most authoritative, had the Governor of Massachusetts attracting 47 per cent of the potential vote, compared with 39 per cent for the Republican. The newspaper's last poll, in May, showed a similar margin, but the new findings contrasted with other recent surveys which have shown the gap narrowing to about five percentage points.

used to suffer from an exceptionally poor public image. Only 26 per cent of voters had a favourable view of him, one of the lowest ratings he has received in the eight years of New York Times/CBS polls.

since the May poll. Asked if they were confident or uneasy about Mr Dukakis's ability to handle a difficult international crisis, only 30 per cent of voters expressed confidence, down from 38 per cent in May, and 49 per cent said that they were uneasy.

Air delays mount as Greek controllers go on hunger-and-sleep strike for pay

Thousands of British tourists faced holiday chaos with delays of more than six hours yesterday as Greek air-traffic controllers began a hunger-and-sleep strike.

Fears that the unprecedented nature of the industrial action could affect air safety and lead to a ban on flights were denied by British authorities. But British Airways disclosed that it was keeping a watching brief in case of deterioration.

Scheduled BA flights from Heathrow were delayed by 90 minutes only. It was the estimated 4,000 holiday-makers flying on charter flights to Greece who bore the brunt of the action.

dispute, began their unusual action on Monday after their Government banned them from striking. They are reporting for work but are not sleeping or eating, so they quickly become unfit to work.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Sihanouk attacks Khmer Rouge

Paris - Prince Sihanouk of Cambodia arrived in Paris from Bangkok yesterday, declaring himself an exile in France after resigning as head of his country's coalition Government.

Pollution crackdown

Rio de Janeiro - Sao Paulo, South America's biggest and perhaps most polluted metropolis, will shut down a large sector of its city centre today in an unprecedented experiment designed to control alarming levels of pollution.

Mass murder ruling

Los Angeles - The California Supreme Court has ruled that the killing of a pregnant woman and her fetus can bring death in the San Quentin gas chamber for mass murder.

Arms talks reconvene

Geneva - Mr Max Kampelman, the chief American arms negotiator, insisted yesterday that crucial issues "should not be governed by the calendar".

End of Maxwell's era

New York - Manhattan has bid farewell to another relic of the swinging Sixties and the carefree Seventies. Maxwell's, the flamboyant restaurant cum singles bar that Plim, the flamboyant restaurant cum singles bar that Plim, the flamboyant restaurant cum singles bar that Plim,

Gorbachov visit to Poland Rent-a-crowd greets Soviet leader in Cracow

From Richard Bassett Cracow On the second day of his six-day visit to Poland, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov visited the bastion of Polish Catholicism, the medieval city of Cracow.

more enthusiasm earlier when he visited a ramshackle pair of cottages at Poronin, in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains, which once housed Lenin for a few weeks on one of his itinerant journeys westwards, fleeing from the forces of law and order of Tsarist Russia.

Not that it was possible for them to ignore the Soviet party's visit. In a security operation of unprecedented size since the days of martial law, all streets leading to the main square were sealed off by police, and there were strict identity checks.

When Mr Gorbachov finally left St Mary's Church, the crowd which had assembled to greet him consisted of 400 uniformed policemen and 600 thinly disguised members of the Polish plainclothes security force.

Polish teenagers at the Wawel Castle yesterday evening, the general said: "Perestroika is our path into the 21st century." Urging Polish youth to have patience, he said socialism was "emerging from the period of inertia".

● MOSCOW: A new documentary film exposes trading in drugs and gold between corrupt police in Soviet Turkmenia and Afghan rebels, Tass said yesterday (Reuter reports). The film, Aura, tells the story of a chief of police in the Takhta-Bazar region of Turkmenia on the border with Afghanistan, who was buying gold from the local population, Tass said.

Ironic homage from architect of glasnost to man of steel

From Our Own Correspondent Cracow - a genius which Mr Gorbachov's glasnost has still to match - more vividly than the incorporation of Szczecin into Poland.

By shutting Poland 300 miles to the west, Stalin's own frontier was also moved 300 miles further into Europe.

The new frontier was bitterly opposed by Churchill, who believed that "one day, the Germans may want their territory back and the Poles will not be able to stop them".

European relations. On January 2, 1985, East Germany extended its territorial waters in the Baltic from three to 12 miles, resulting in Polish shipping being banned from its traditional routes north of the Polish coast.

One old sailor recounted how he was threatened by two gunboats when returning from a long sea voyage. He tuned immediately to the international radio frequency and said: "We have been out of touch for a while. But tell me, are we at war?" Foreign

sentencing for previously convicted violent offenders. Mr Thornburgh also imposed a strict code of conduct for state employees and signed the first death warrants in the state in 20 years.

Reagan names aggressive crime fighter to replace Meese

From Mohsin Ali Washington President Reagan yesterday nominated Mr Richard Thornburgh, a moderate Republican and former Governor of Pennsylvania, to succeed Mr Edwin Meese as the US Attorney General.

Thornburgh's service as a tough anti-crime governor, saying that "at the end of his term, the state's serious crime rate had dropped 17 per cent".

independent counsel, had filed a still-sealed report indicating that his 14-month-long investigation had found no basis for bringing any criminal charges against the Attorney General.

Mr Thornburgh then created the public integrity section, which prosecutes cases against corrupt officials.

He left the department in late 1977 and was elected Governor of Pennsylvania. During his two terms he pushed through legislation requiring mandatory minimum

sentencing for previously convicted violent offenders. Mr Thornburgh also imposed a strict code of conduct for state employees and signed the first death warrants in the state in 20 years.

Who & Who wins most awards?

Creative Awards League Table

	TOTAL POINTS 1983-1987
1 Saatchi & Saatchi	1217
2 Boase Massimi Pollitt	810
3 Collett Dickenson Pearce	725
4 Abbott Mead Vickers SMS	614
5 Lowe Howard-Spink	525
6 Gold Greenlees Trott	397
7 Bartle Bogle Hegarty	394
8 J. Walter Thompson	292
9 Leagas Delaney	285
10 WCRS Mathews Marcantonio	264

"Saatchi & Saatchi's position as Britain's top creative agency has strengthened remarkably over the past year. Once again it heads Campaign's league table of the top 30 award-winning agencies, but this time it is by a much greater margin. Last year Saatchi's points score put it 29 per cent ahead of its nearest rival. This year the difference is 50 per cent. It is hard to see how any agency could close such a gap for several years."

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Who & Who wins most new clients?

New Business Gains 1988

	NET NEW BUSINESS GAINED (£m's)
1 Saatchi & Saatchi	81.6
2 Young & Rubicam	28.6
3 KHBB	27.4
4 J. Walter Thompson	20.5
5 Abbott Mead Vickers SMS	17.0
6- Ayer Barker	16.5
6- Collett Dickenson Pearce	16.5
8 Allen Brady & Maish	16.0
9 D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles	14.5
10 Grey	13.5

"An outstanding year, even by the form captain's usual standards. Even for an agency of Saatchi & Saatchi's size, winning £60 million in new billings is no mean feat. Among the most notable new accounts was ICI's £20 million worldwide corporate advertising, which it won in a battle of the giants with J. Walter Thompson. Further coups were \$18 million-worth of pan-European business from Gillette and the £9 million launch of Abbey National's financial services."

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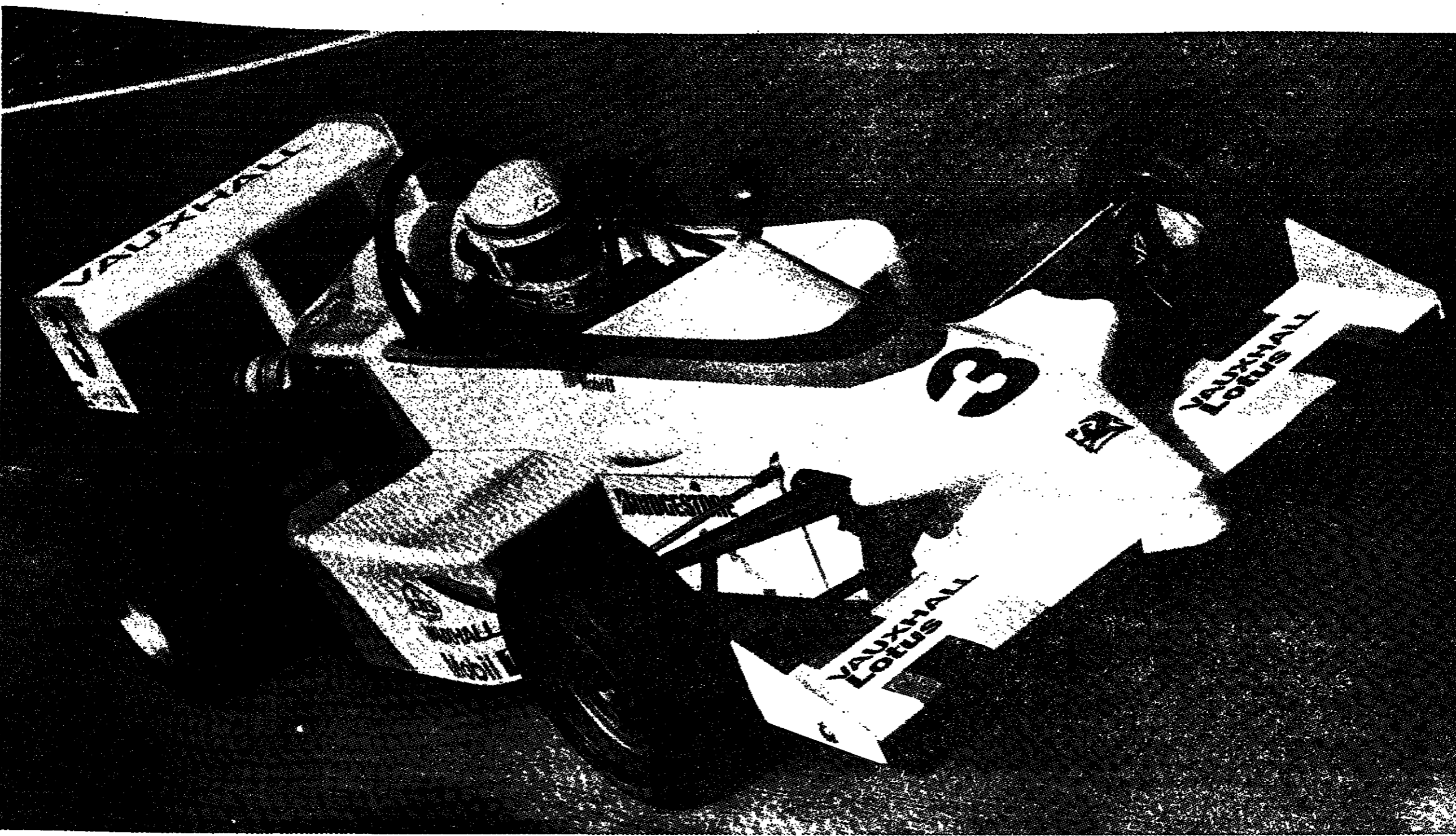
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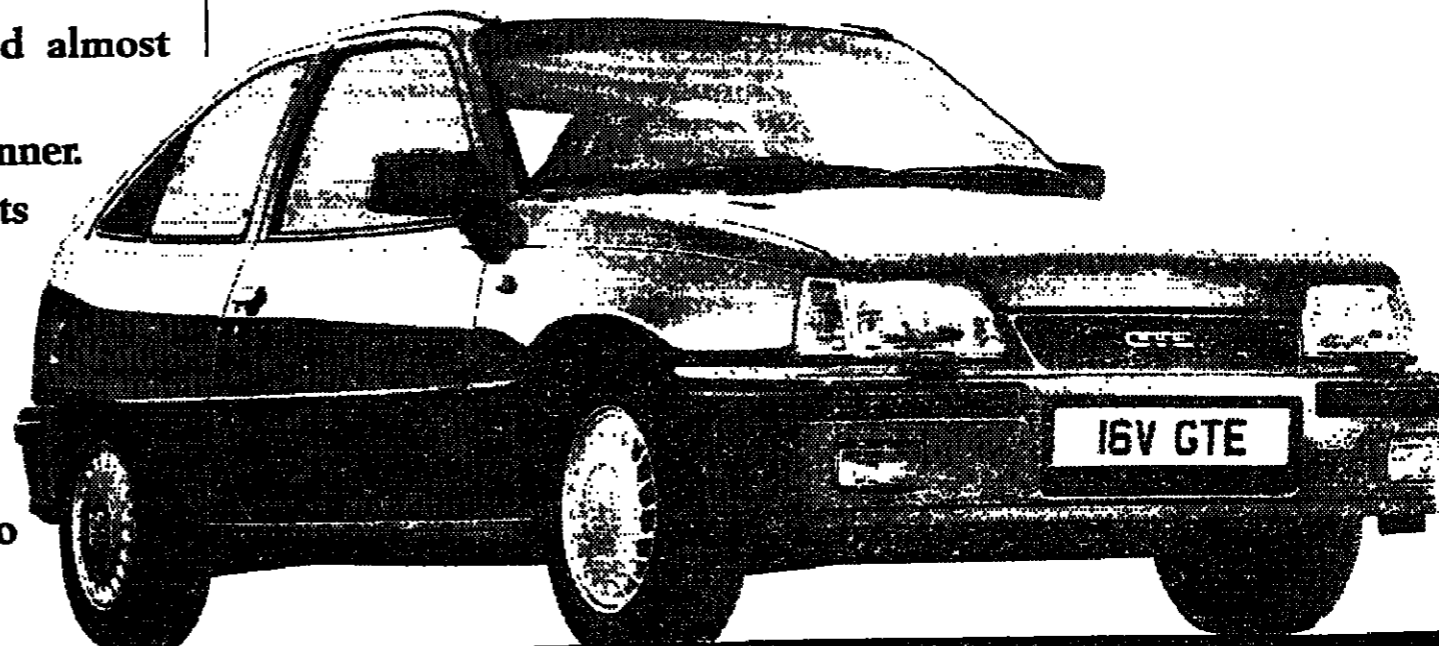
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PARLIAMENT

Inquiry into child abuse is likely to cost £1.5m

CLEVELAND Government costs in the Cleveland child abuse inquiry were likely to be about £1.5 million, Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, told the Commons during question time. He said that the figure included payments of about £300,000 each to Cleveland County Council and to the Northern Regional Health Authority as a contribution towards their costs.

Poll tax dispute over Ilea cash

PRIME MINISTER The Prime Minister was involved in a sharp clash with Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, during question-time exchanges about the community charge in Kensington, west London, where the by-election vote is on Thursday. The dispute was over comparisons between rates and the new community charge.



Mr Hattersley, who was asked by Mrs Thatcher if he wanted cash safety nets taken away

Tribute paid to brave pupils

The Worthing schoolgirls on the Greek passenger boat attacked by terrorists were a credit to their school, their families, the service and to Britain, Mrs Thatcher said at a question time. "I gladly pay tribute to them. She was responding to Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) who asked the Prime Minister to condemn the appalling attack and, while expressing sympathy for the victims, to pay tribute to the schoolgirls from Sion Convent School 'who not only reacted bravely but administered first aid'.

Children must be priority

Dealing with children who were in danger of physical and sexual abuse should be high on the list of priorities of any social worker, the Prime Minister told angry Labour MPs during questions. Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lab) had asked whether she knew that in London many hundreds of children, including more than 100 in his own borough of Lambeth, were recognized as in danger of physical and sexual abuse.

Labour alarmed over future of steelworks Angry Scots MPs fail to get Ravenscraig debate

Angry Scottish Labour MPs failed to secure an emergency debate or a Government statement on the future of the Ravenscraig steelworks after the Prime Minister, during questions, had in their view appeared to confirm a suggestion that the hot strip mill there might close next year. The subject was raised during Prime Minister's questions by Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab).

SCOTLAND The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that it was not a matter of order for Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) to say that a Government statement should be made to make the situation at Ravenscraig clear. Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab) failed in an application to get an emergency debate on the matter.

had been widely reported, "some sort of gaffe". Now that that statement had been given credence, there should be a statement by the Minister of Trade and Industry (Mr Kenneth Clarke) to clear up the matter. The Leader of the House (Mr John Wakeham) should be asked to call Mr Clarke to the chamber. The Speaker said that he appreciated the importance of the matter for MPs representing the Ravenscraig constituency. But he could not be of any help.

Treasury's VAT ruling

The Treasury has rejected the suggestion that the Meat and Livestock Commission and Apple and Pear Development Corporation should be allowed to reclaim VAT on non-business expenditure on the ground that neither body is an appropriate one for that treatment. Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said in written replies that he had agreed to meet representatives of both bodies to discuss the impact of the recent court ruling on non-business expenditure.

Forces 'may lose credibility'

Lord Bramall (Ind), former Chief of the Defence Staff, said that the defence forces are in danger of losing credibility through the Government's "salamislicing" of resources. The further erosion of the defence budget, with the Government's failure to fund the armed forces pay award in full, produced a disturbing situation, he said during a debate on the defence estimates in the Lords.

HOUSE OF LORDS with those it had to deter and with its allies. He said that the glossiness and salesmanship of the defence White Paper could not disguise the fact that in terms of resources and percentage of gross domestic product committed, Britain was back in the syndrome of the 1970s, which was soundly criticized by this Administration when it came to power. Expensive programmes were in the pipeline, including Tornado, Trident, the Chieftain tank, the amphibious capability and the European fighter aircraft. Taken together they would stretch the elastic to breaking point. The financial squeeze was now greater than ever and was bound to have a harmful effect

on training and professional standards and thus on morale and retention. It was not so much the £19 billion plus allocated on paper. It was much more the capriciousness of the Treasury, without the restraint of the discipline of a 3 per cent annual spending, keeping down public spending. He made a plea to the Government to restore defence spending to zero growth at least. Opening the debate, Lord Treigame, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's plans for reorganization were still, like many recent Soviet proposals, only words. "The task confronting Mr Gorbachev is vast and it will not be concluded overnight. The Soviet Union may well one day be a more comfortable neighbour with a policy which does not depend for its own security on the insecurity of others, but

Opposition debate on London Tax spur 'for Rachmanism'

The Government's proposals in the Housing Bill and in the Finance Bill would not just conjure Rachmanism from the grave, but would give it a tax incentive to go out and haunt again, Mr Frank Dobson, an Opposition spokesman, said when he opened a debate on London. He moved a motion condemning the growing division between rich and poor in the capital and calling for new policies to secure for all Londoners benefits enjoyed by the privileged few. He said that, on the one hand, there were affluent and arrogant people, revelling in a display of wealth both tasteless and joyless, and, on the other, people who were degraded and demoralized, with no jobs, no home and no help. That was a direct product of Government action and inaction.

About half the 15,000 families officially homeless lived in bed-and-breakfast accommodation. A recent report by the British Medical Association had said that, even if that accommodation was in good order, it was rarely appropriate to the needs of young children. Normal child development was impaired by lack of space and there was a high rate of accidents. "This is not a report on the Third World. The people described are citizens living today within two or three miles of this House. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves. The Government was making things worse. The only characters in the Good Samaritan parable that it resembled were the thieves who mugged the poor traveller in the first place. The highest council rents in London were in Kensington and Chelsea. The average council rent there was £33 a week. That was nothing on the private sector, where rents of £300 a week were sought for three-bedroom flats. Most people on average incomes were being priced out of the house-buying market. How many nurses, bus drivers and teachers could afford the prices? Mr Kenneth Clarke, minister responsible for the inner cities, had said that it was businessmen in the past who had made cities great and that that could be done again. Had this golden vision of civic leadership inspired the Brinks-Mat bullion thieves to invest their loot in Docklands? Surely ministers did not expect these rich thieves to have taken courses in urban design before putting their money into Cypriote Wharf.

New peer

Lord Alexander of Weedon, formerly Robert Alexander, QC, chairman of the Take-overs and Mergers Panel, took his seat on the Conservative benches in the Lords. At his introduction he was supported by Lord Colbrook and Lord Roskill. Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and Industry. Finance (No 2) Bill, 1988 on remaining stages. Motion on short speeches. Lords (2.30): British Steel Bill and Local Government Finance Bill, third readings.

Howe defends EEC's new 'solid, budget foundation for 1992'

The following report of the Commons debate on the European Communities (Finance) Bill appeared in later editions yesterday. The European Community had the solid budgetary foundation for the run-up to 1992 as a result of British insistence on a far-reaching review of Community finances, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said. He was moving the second reading of the Bill. He said that it would implement two British objectives for the Community: sound finance and control over agricultural spending. The Commission had proposed a comprehensive restructuring of the Community's finances, which held both threats and opportunities. The opportunities included proposals for a comprehensive reform of the common agricultural policy. But there were dangers, chiefly a proposal for calculating the British abatement in a way

that would have left the UK worse off by £700 million in 1992 alone. The Commission had also proposed an increase in its own resources to 1.4 per cent of gross national product. That increase of nearly 50 per cent was opposed by the UK. Another unwelcome proposal was a new tax on oils and fats that would have put up the price of margarine and vegetable oils by up to 31 per cent. In the negotiations the UK laid down four points: any further increase in Community resources must be accompanied by legally binding controls on spending; effective measures must be taken to cut agricultural surpluses; there should be no oil and fat tax; the Fontainebleau abatement mechanism must be preserved in full. No element would be agreed until every individual element was satisfactory. "We succeeded on all counts" (general laughter). Calculating an element of member states' contributions on

the basis of GNP would bring the own resources structure more into line with the relative prosperity of member states, a change that the United Kingdom had consistently supported. The new own-resources de-

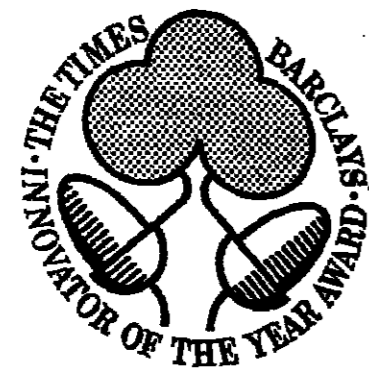
cision preserved the Fontainebleau abatement mechanism intact. It ensured that, even if Community expenditure was to reach the new ceiling, the UK net contribution could amount to no more than 0.25 per cent of GNP. The abatement mechanism would last as long as the new own-resources decision itself and even thereafter could be changed only by the unanimous agreement of member states. Effective CAP reform was at last in train. The Community's finances were at last firmly based. On this foundation, the single market could be successfully built. Mr George Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, moved an Opposition amendment declining to give the Bill a second reading because it failed to provide sufficient reduction in agricultural spending or a corresponding increase for social and regional funds, for the environ-

ment or for assistance to developing countries. He said that the Bill was bad for Parliament and for the British taxpayer. It allowed an increase in the Common Market's budget of 25 per cent. He was sceptical as to whether the loopholes in agricultural spending controls had been eliminated. Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) said that a number of directives were being rushed through in anticipation of 1992 and it was increasingly difficult for the House to appraise what these really meant. He did not think that they were making sufficient use of the legal restraints available in controlling budgetary discipline. Mr Russell Johnston, SLD spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said that the Prime Minister's dismissal even of discussion on a central European bank was nothing short of ridiculous and bolstered Frankfurter's claim to house such an institution when it came about. Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that he would vote against the Bill for two reasons: money and sovereignty. The cash was important, but more important was the loss of sovereignty - drop by drop, day by day: the atrophy of a nation's soul. "What I am worried about is that this country is slowly, but bit, ceasing to exist as an independent nation state." There was no democratic control. Things which in the past would have taken weeks of parliamentary debate were being pushed through on the nod. "The powers of the House are being shown just as surely as Samson had his locks shown. There is a cure for this near-terminal disease. It is risky, it is controversial. It is to throw out this Bill." Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) referred to the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and said: Today we have a new proto-monarchy and new proto-imperialism which is growing in Brussels. It is time the House cut off the air supply to it.

Europe, and our democracy and Parliament are to be stripped of the powers which made us a sovereign state, that sovereignty which belongs inalienably to our people of future generations as much as to the citizens of today, there will be a tidal wave of protest and opposition and the whole bizarre, unnatural and flimsy structure of European Commission, court and assembly, the thousand and one treaties which they burp and will be swept away. Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said that the Foreign Secretary had sought to present this legislation as something very routine. But it was a significant revision of EEC treaty rules. He would vote against it. The Opposition amendment declining the second reading was rejected by 330 votes to 184 - Government majority, 146. The Bill was read a second time by 323 votes to 195 - Government majority, 128. "If the trend continues, European union, to a federal

SPECTRUM

A year in the winning story of bubble squeezers



Competition is on again for The Times-Barclays Innovator of the Year Award. George Hill talks to some of last year's crop of entrants

There was an irony in the bubbles that suffused the champagne which flowed last year when Sylvia Barton, managing director of Hi-Tec Metals R & D Ltd, heard that her company had won the Innovator of the Year Award.

small plot in an industrial estate at Chandlers Ford, near Southampton, is typical of the kind of enterprise which the Innovator of the Year Award was set up to encourage.



Winning partnership: Sylvia Barton and her husband, Professor Geoffrey Chadwick, at work in the Hi-Tec Metals research unit at Chandlers Ford

Two major research contracts, one with a consortium supported by the Department of Trade and Industry, and the other (which started earlier this year) with companies from five countries under the aegis of the European Commission, make up the main part of their business.

Two of the company's 10 workers have PhDs and a third is about to submit his thesis for another.

information on the specifications and test performance of electronic components on the international market. British clients include Rolls-Royce and British Telecom, and recently the company notched up its first sale outside Europe.

more bullish. His company — whose entire staff consists of himself and his wife, Christine — has risen from a turnover of zero to £10,000 in a single year. It is a pioneer in research into forming components from tubes by pressure.

HOW TO ENTER
The Times-Barclays Innovator of the Year Award 1988 is a competition for the most viable business plan from researchers, engineers or technicians setting up new technological "spin-out" companies to exploit their expertise or research.

Thirsting for a new dawn

In the week that Orangemen take to the streets, Paul Vallely meets a growing number of ordinary people who are building bridges for peace

There can be bravery in drinking tea. Anna Fowler demonstrated this on Sunday when she set up a table in the Garvaghy Road and laid out an impressive spread of cakes and sandwiches for a small group of Catholics and Protestants.

that is what she intends. "If they see us as ridiculous then maybe they will turn the same gaze upon themselves."

On the Sunday before the Twelfth, Fortadown members of the local Orange Lodge proclaim the continuing Protestant ascendancy in the province by marching through the streets, including the one flanked by estates which house 6,000 working-class Catholics.

For the average newspaper reader on the British mainland an almost daily diet of perfunctory-recorded bombings, random sectarian murders, and attacks on police and Army patrols creates an image which is only one dimension of life in Northern Ireland.

Shellfish that detect pollution are the subject of a worldwide environmental protection initiative which could contribute a great deal to global pollution control. The International scheme, called the Global Mussel Watch, is being coordinated from the University of Maryland by Professor Ed Goldberg of the Scripps Oceanographic Institute near San Diego, California.

The tiny, dense print of the What's On column in the Belfast Telegraph is on some days a miserable index to the pain of life in the city. On one night alone there were meetings advertised for the Tranquilizers help group, the Depression self-help group, the Agoraphobia Society, Gamblers Anonymous, Over-eaters Anonymous, and the Northern Ireland Widows Association.



Turning the tables: Anna Fowler pours tea as she and her friends await the Orange parade

'If they see us as ridiculous maybe they will gaze upon themselves'

But buried among them was notice of an open evening at the Columbanus Community of Reconciliation.

It is in Corrymeela, a rambling old country house set in splendid isolation on the wild north Antrim coast, that the notion finds its most complete expression.

religious traditions have just acted as chaplains to the two opposing groups. Often church leaders have actually exacerbated the problem, says John Morrow, a Presbyterian minister and the leader of the community.

SCIENCE REPORT

Mussels: a strong whiff of success

Industries to detect waste leakage, but little is known about how they respond to pollutants. Such information could lead to the use of mussels in a powerful worldwide system to monitor the origin, spread and build up of wastes of all kinds.

compare the effect of a pollutant on mussels with the effect on other shellfish such as cockles is of relatively little use, because the different species may not respond to different pollutants in the same way.

who is one of the researchers involved in the Global Mussel Watch, says it will start with a pilot study of pesticide pollution in the Southern Hemisphere. Researchers will measure the levels of chlorinated pesticides to compare them with the more strictly controlled pollution levels in the Northern Hemisphere.

TOMORROW
Anodyne divine or soothing healer? On the eve of a potentially divisive Lambeth Conference, The Times profiles the Archbishop of Canterbury

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

What exactly will the parent-governor be expected to do? Betty Jermyn explains their new, exacting role

The ruling class

This week the Department of Education and Science begins its press campaign to encourage parents to become school governors, with a series of advertisements in women's weekly magazines (because, a spokeswoman says, "mothers may be more concerned about their children's education. And men read women's magazines..."). The department's recent leaflet, widely distributed to public libraries, Post Offices and schools, bears the eye-catching challenge (over multicultural portraits): "Shouldn't you become a School Governor?"

Well, yes, maybe you should — but what is it exactly that they do? To be honest, until recently not a lot — apart from presenting cups on Sports Day.

Governors no longer get the grand tour treatment to meet the workers at the jumble sale or school bazaar. They are workers, alongside teachers and parents, fund-raising not for desirable extras but for basic equipment.

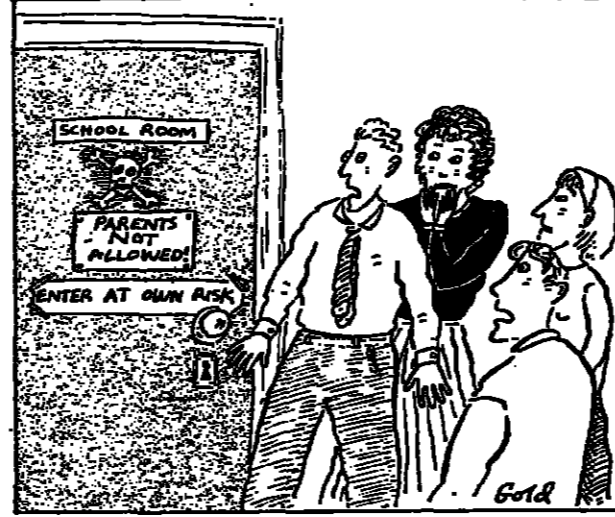
I became a governor at our village primary school 13 years ago when appointments were political parties' awards for services rendered. The time commitment was a three annual (hour-and-a-half at most) meeting, and optional

attendance at school events. Signs warning "No parents past this point" still existed at some schools.

When training courses were introduced in the 1970s, veterans from the old days muttered that they had learnt "on the job". I found the courses invaluable when interviewing for teachers' posts. More training is promised. We are going to need it. And the new parent-governors will have to be prepared to give more of their time.

The DES notes that the mothers they are hoping to target with their advertisements in women's magazines may not be working if they have young children and may therefore have more time available to them. An Institute of Directors' survey published earlier this year indicated that employers may be sympathetic to the demands of governorship: half the sample already allowed their staff time off, and 88 per cent of the others would consider requests to do so.

Our once-a-term meetings



can now take at least two and a half hours, trying to make sense of the 1986 Education Act as well as dealing with immediate problems.

We now have to approve school journeys, assuring ourselves about accompanying staff numbers and insurance — an innovation spurred by the

Lands End disaster, tragically repeated recently. Sub-committees are needed to interview for new teacher appointments — once left to the Head — and to write the governors' annual report.

Accountability to parents arrived last year. It did not help our nerves, planning that

untary work. We need grand-parents, too. The job is unpaid.

A governorship is no longer an empty political award. If you have ever gripped about falling standards, the semi-literate young, you can now put your money (or rather time and commitment) where your mouth is.

Here is a warning: don't mutter that "we didn't do it like that in my day". Times have changed and education with them. Be glad about that.

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Useful sources of information: Advisory Centre for Education, 18 Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PB for booklets "More Questions Governors Ask," £3; "Education Act 1986," £2; plus 25p postage and packing. National Association of Governors & Managers, 81 Rustlings Road, Sheffield, S11 7AB, organizes courses for governors.

School Governor, an independent magazine, £14 a year from School Governor, 73 All Saints Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LN. Department of Education and Science, Publications Despatch Centre, Government Buildings, Horsepost Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AZ, for free booklets "School Governors: a New Role" and "Education Reform".

Softly spoken and satirical

Angela Thirkell is about to be republished and rehabilitated — lilac georgette, gooseberry fool and all

Few literary events are more pleasant and uplifting than the revival of a half-forgotten novelist. It is even better when the novelist in question has had, throughout those years of obscurity, a small, devoted following who have formed societies, read papers, mended their old copies with Sellotape, and scoured jumble sales for treasurable, if mucky, editions.

When the reprint comes, not only are they spared that trouble, but gloriously and publicly vindicated in their obsession.

All this is about to happen to Angela Thirkell, 1890-1960, who, during the last 30 years of her life produced a novel a year (or, as she modestly put it, wrote "the same book every year with unflagging regularity"). She wrote about Trollope's fictional county, Barsetshire, living in an eternally summery bourgeois calm beneath which flow the usual deplorable passions and pretensions of humanity.

Trueman, of Southwold, informs me, they will look at Thirkell's old house, eat a splendid meal at the pub ("not gooseberry fool, no, just anything that's going"), attend a church service and make light conversation of their own.

The society — judging by herbed asides in its newsletter — frequently is irritated that the only interest in Thirkell by later generations tends to be an interest in her life, rather than her books. Not too surprising: she was the daughter of J.W. Mackail, the poet, and granddaughter of Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

Her childhood was led among fetes and in the salons of Kensington and Fulham. Beatrix Potter drew pictures for her. Kipling was her cousin, J.M. Barrie her godfather. She was one of the first pupils at St Paul's school.

Conversation 'runs lightly over hidden depths'

Three years ago Virago brought out an early, rather atypical, but very funny book of hers called *Trooper to the Southern Cross* — an autobiographically based account, originally written under a male pseudonym, of the goings-on aboard a troopship to Australia just after the First World War. It is one of Barry Humphries' favourite books, and passages many of his unalike gibes about Australians. Now Chatto & Windus are embarking on a programme of reprints of her gentler, more parochial satires of English provincial life in the Thirkells starting with *The Brandons*, and *Summer Half*.

In both of these the characters drift around in georgette dresses and jet beads, eat gooseberry fool and potted salmon, go to church, play tennis, organize fetes and make conversation which, in Thirkell's own phrase "runs lightly over hidden depths".

This summer, the Angela Thirkell Society will be able to hold their heads that bit higher when they go on their annual, invariable outing to Rottingdean. There, Miss Fat

papers shrieked: "Wife's life of horror!"

One offspring of this marriage was Colin McInnes, a writer of a rather different sort: so different that the Angela Thirkell Society newsletter finds it quite hard to admit to him at times — a fierce homosexual writer with a taste for low-life being a long way removed from the cloistered calm of Barsetshire.

After the first marriage, she met Captain George Thirkell from Tasmania, and enjoyed the interlude about the troopship, and a brief stay in Australia. She came back on a visit and stayed, leaving her husband for good, and remained London-based until she died in 1960, still drinking, rum, still making fun of the world. She signed herself Old Mrs Thirkell, and observed: "What I should like to do when I leave is to tell everyone here exactly what I think of them."

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

What am I bid for a boy?

A baby auction? It does not seem possible - but in a suburb of Naples there is a thriving black market in the sale of children. Roger Boyes reports on the ease with which Carlo (right) was sold

It was a shabby kind of auction; no silver hammer, no discreetly stroked nose, no Transatlantic bidding. The buyers gathered in an apartment in Sant' Antimo, a bruised suburb on the northern edge of Naples. Above the door there was a mildew and a crucifix. From across the street came a smell of peppers and tomatoes. Nobody noticed. "He's healthy, he's pretty 'Che bello', who will bid more?"

The bidding was high - starting price five million lire (£2,500) - up, all day, most of the night and finally for 12 million lire, a true bargain to the happy purchaser. The baby was bought and sold: going, gone.

Carlo, with the pudding face of a big eater, was born last March and from the beginning his mother knew he would fetch a good price on the baby black market. Big brown eyes, wispy hair.

A day spent in the brisk, uncomfortable juvenile court in Naples gives an idea of the problem. According to Dr Carmelita Cavallo, the local juvenile magistrate, about 500 illegal baby sales a year reach the courts. Hundreds never make it that far. These are dark transactions in dark places: a childless couple suddenly present their "adoption" to their neighbours while in Naples a woman, her male protector, and a bent lawyer are a little bit richer.

The illegal baby market is now a worldwide phenomenon. With west European and American adoption lists stretching into years, with adoption criteria strict and the popular choice being for healthy, good looking children, there is a great exploitable hunger for buyable babies. Central America is said to be the main market place. Last year North American couples officially adopted 250 babies in Guatemala, 150 in El Salvador, and many more have left illegally. The value of the business with the United States is estimated at \$2-\$2.5 million (£1.2-£1.5 million).

The baby market in Italy does not reach this dimension but is probably the biggest in Europe. The Danes, the Dutch, the childless of the north, come south. But the clients are mostly northern Italians, couples with dual careers who were at first childless by choice but who have become desperate for a baby. Boys, by the way, cost more.

The components of the deal are



Carlo was still in his auction clothes: an immaculate white baby suit, as if he were about to go to a party

simple enough. First a lawyer who can handle the transfer, advertise or makes quiet enquiries in hostels for the unmarried and pregnant. In Italy at least they are treading a fine legal line. A crisis point is reached if the new mother is too closely bonded with her child and refuses to honour the contract. Then she can argue that she had agreed only under duress to sell the child. Despite the sometimes questionable legality, Neapolitan priests speak well of the middle-men - even if the business is all about money, they are still providing a feasible alternative to abortion.

Sometimes mothers produce to order: a recent case in the Naples area concerned a woman who had produced a baby every year for the last seven years and lived off the proceeds. More common, though, are the pathetic cases such as that of Maria Gentile, a 25-year-old woman with a history of mental illness. After giving birth, cars with foreign number plates were seen visiting her father's farm in the southern village of Agerola. Twenty

days later the child had disappeared. Gentile's father, together with a businessman and six others were arrested and the case, though still under way, has uncovered a large baby-selling network in the backwoods of the Campania.

The Camorra, the Neapolitan equivalent of the Mafia, has naturally become interested in the business. As it handles the substantial drug and smuggling interests in Naples, the Camorra can boast links with Rome and abroad; finding clients to buy babies is not a problem for such an organization. That, however, seems to be the limit of the Camorra's involvement. Cocaine and heroin remain a more predictable and profitable businesses than babies.

Carlo, the baby for auction, is the most typical of the recent sales. Sant' Antimo is Camorra's hearth: they let off guns at the funerals, spit or cry on the coffins as they wind their way through the intricate alleyways of the Botteghele district. The prostitutes sit outside the houses on chairs, reading the

papers, doing crosswords, smoking and coughing. Carlo's mother, 40-year-old Maria Angelino, a nervous, bird-like woman, is in the trade. She has had six children who are now brought up by their father, a radio technician separated from his wife.

When she was pregnant with Carlo, she was contacted by a 62-year-old woman who has befriended many of the local prostitutes and, according to the Carabinieri, has handled several baby sales in the past. A bed was arranged in a private clinic and on March 26, after the birth, all records disappeared. The baby, too, went underground. Carlo was not registered, an anonymous donor paid the hospital bills, and some weeks later the baby was up for sale. The first potential purchasers were from Naples but they asked the intermediary to register the adoption officially at the Juvenile Court. The woman reluctantly took the buyer to the courts. If only to demonstrate the impermeable bureaucracy. The clerk became suspicious and the woman left the scene swiftly. That

was how the police got wind of the baby auction. Normally they do not hear until too late, if at all. When the police broke into the apartment, Carlo was still in his auction clothes: an immaculate white baby suit, as if he were about to go to a party.

The mother has disappeared. Her neighbours speak well enough of her: she did what she had to do. She used to cry about her other children who are in the custody of her husband. Some mornings, when she was not working the streets, she would go outside the school gate and try to meet her lost children. According to her neighbours she did not want to lose Carlo. Carlo's fate will be decided soon enough: the court will give him to a suitable couple from Naples, top of the long, long official waiting list. "If it were not for the unexpected slip-up caused by the innocence of the purchasers," Dr Cavallo says, "the deal for Carlo would have gone according to plan. And who knows how many other meetings would have been held in the baby bazaar of Sant' Antimo."

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Sitting pretty

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Brain-power pots

You might have thought a pot was simply a pot, but *The New Ceramics* by Peter Dorner (Thames & Hudson, £12.95), published next week suggests that it can be a clue to the functioning of the brain. Pottery? Perhaps, but if the left side of the brain (responsible for mathematical, analytical and rational thought) controls the right hand, and the right side (spatial relationships, image recognition and intuition) the left, "deep bowls result from a complex interplay of both - which may be why those that are really satisfying, working well both inside and outside, are difficult to achieve". Whether or not you subscribe to such theories, the lavishly illustrated book of the best of 20th-century pottery makes fascinating browsing even for those who call a pot a pot.

On the card

Hypochondriacs will rejoice at an Israeli invention which can carry up to 2,000 characters of information on their medical history in simple, credit card form. A minute micro-processor makes this possible. It should, says the Britain Israel Public Affairs Centre of 126/134 Baker Street, London W1M 1FH (01-486 4141), be marketed in Britain within the next few months, but in the meantime urgent queries (from those not sure they can wait that long) should be addressed to: Electro-Galil

Electronics, Northern Industrial Zone, 10200 Kiryat Shmonah, Israel (0109726 991 788). So far it has only dealt with large company orders here, but the director, Oded Bashan says that single cards should sell for about £100 and the reader for about £1,000. The only question is, will anybody who finds your prostrate form know what the card is and how to work it?

Filling a gap

Necessity has proved the spur for many mothers' inventions, and burgeoning businesses in everything from baby slings to many services have grown out of new mothers' needs. Jani Bateman started up Bojo Originals because, she says, "as mothers we were fed up with 'designer clothes' for toddlers which look fantastic but lasted only a few months and cost the earth - not to mention not having little practicalities like poppers around the legs". Hers are clothes for budding extroverts who do not mind turning up for nursery in spotted clownsuits and karate kid playsuits in the baggiest cotton prints. They are versatile (fully reversible and designed to be worn in several different ways), machine washable and longwearing (each size promises to last for up to two years and they come with a set of patches). Prices range from £15.50 for a tracksuit to £19.50 for a summer set of four co-ordinating pieces. Details and a free colour brochure from: Bojo Originals, Trefores Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan (0547 528255).

Quote me



"I am not complaining, but I think I, and not Mrs Thatcher, am responsible for my own prosperity." Lady Antonia Fraser

Elegant age

Fans of Edwardiana will go wild at Harrods next month when the store's ground floor exhibition area is re-opened on August 6 with a panoply of paraphernalia from the "Age of Elegance". There will be thick, double-sided paisley silk shawls in perfect condition from £500 to £2,500, and crocodile suitcases from £1,500, as well as jewellery, silver and unusual items such as an oak folding writing box for £2,300. About three-quarters of the articles for sale are originals, with the rest in the flavour of the era - except for the Royal Worcester Heritage Collection, which is using the exhibition to celebrate 200 years of the Royal Warrant. Victoria McKee

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- Change my hairstyle. Vidal threw a fit. (You know what hair-dressers are like.) He wouldn't hear of me changing his most famous "creation".
- Give up gardening in the dark. It's no use, there's not enough hours in the day. I'm still stumbling around watering the dog, fertilising the toads and spraying the telegraph poles. Oh well, at least the toads might turn into princes.
- Cut down on caffeine. This was easy once I heard about Café Hag fresh ground coffee. I'm not surprised it's become fashionable when you taste how good it is. I'm all for going without caffeine but I'd never dream of going without a good cup of coffee.

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FILMS

Also on national release
As advance booking possible
BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY (18): Releasement version of Jay McInerney's novel about an aspiring writer on the fringes of New York...

THEATRE LONDON

A BRIGHT ROOM CALLED DAY: See cabaret. Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388).
BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON: Dorothy L. Sayers's own adaptation of her thriller, with husband and wife team Edward Peabrooke and Emily Richard...



Songs from down under

In conjunction with the "Angry Penguins" exhibition at the Hayward Gallery three early evening concerts of Australian music are being given at the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room today, Friday and next Wednesday...

ROCK

MARY COUGHLAN: Earthy Irish singer who lives up a spiced cocktail of folk, jazz and rock. Mean Fiddler, 28a Haverden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, 22, for three nights.

JAZZ

CARLOS SANTANA/WAYNE SHORTER BAND: A bizarre jazz supergroup, but at least welcome change from Shorter's wretched fusion band. JVC/Capitol Jazz Parade, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-823 3191) 6.30pm & 8pm, 27-28.

DANCE

SWAN LAKE: London premiere of Nikolai Lopokoff's production for London Festival Ballet. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10pm, 24-25.

OPERA

LA TRAVIATA: Revival of Peter Hall's production now with Fiorenza Cossentino in the title role and Susan Edwards conducting. Glyndebourne, East Sussex (0273 541111) 5.50-9.50pm, returns only.

CONCERTS

DELOS DUMKAI: The Delos Quartet plays Debussy's Quatuor Op. 15, Mendelssohn's Quatuor Op. 70 by Schubert and Frank Bridge's setting of St Roger de Conoverly...

EVENING

THOMSON TUNES: Bryden Thomson conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Smetana's Vltava...

CLASSICAL TOP 20

- 1 Elgar: Cello Concerto... Du Pré, HMV
2 Elgar: Four Seasons... Hogwood/AAM, L'Oiseau Lyre
3 Elgar: Cello Concerto... Du Pré/Barenboim, CBS

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: The Royal Bazaar Scandal: Did the Colonel cheat that night at Tranby Croft in 1890? Royce Royce plays the role of the Colonel...



Tony Kushner (above) is the author of a new play opening at the Bush tonight (see listing). As part of an American series of plays called American Frontiers, A Bright Room Called Day is set in pre-Hitler Berlin...

WORD WADLING

Answers from page 24
ABAXIAL (c) Off the centre line, eccentric, from the Latin ab off + axis: 'I mime and burlesque my own nature in an abaxial attempt to get it clear.'

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ACROSS
3 Tuscany tower town (4)
5 Cot (4)
8 Fried ruff (5)
10 Human being (9)
11 Skewered dish (5)
12 Rim (3)
13 Scrape beard (5)
14 Shout of praise (7)
16 Jellyfish (7)
18 Chests (5)
20 First note (3)
22 Unwarranted (5)
23 Account giver (9)
24 Courteous (5)
25 Meats (4)
26 Neat (4)

ENTERTAINMENTS

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

- 6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.40 Eager Kennedy in 70 Fix It (R). 7.00 Breakfast with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark...

BBC2

- 6.55 Open University: Adult Literacy - Cape Verde. 7.20 The Future of Print. 9.00 Ceefax.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00 TV-am. 9.25 Thames news. 9.30 Pastweek. 10.00 Santa Barbara. 10.25 News headlines.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.30 Just 4 Fun. Entertainment for both deaf and hearing children (r). 12.30 Business Daily. Business news service presented by Susannah Simons.

- BBC1 Wales: 6.30am-6.30am. 6.30am-7.00am News. 7.00am-7.30am Ceefax.

- CENTRAL As London. 6.30am-6.30am News. 6.30am-7.00am Ceefax.

- VARIATIONS. 6.30 Granada Reports. 8.00-8.00am. 8.00am-8.30am News.

- HITV WEST As London. 6.30am-6.30am News. 6.30am-7.00am Ceefax.

- TYNE TEES As London. 6.30am-6.30am News. 6.30am-7.00am Ceefax.

- ULSTER As London. 6.30am-6.30am News. 6.30am-7.00am Ceefax.

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Radio 2. MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1). News on the hour.

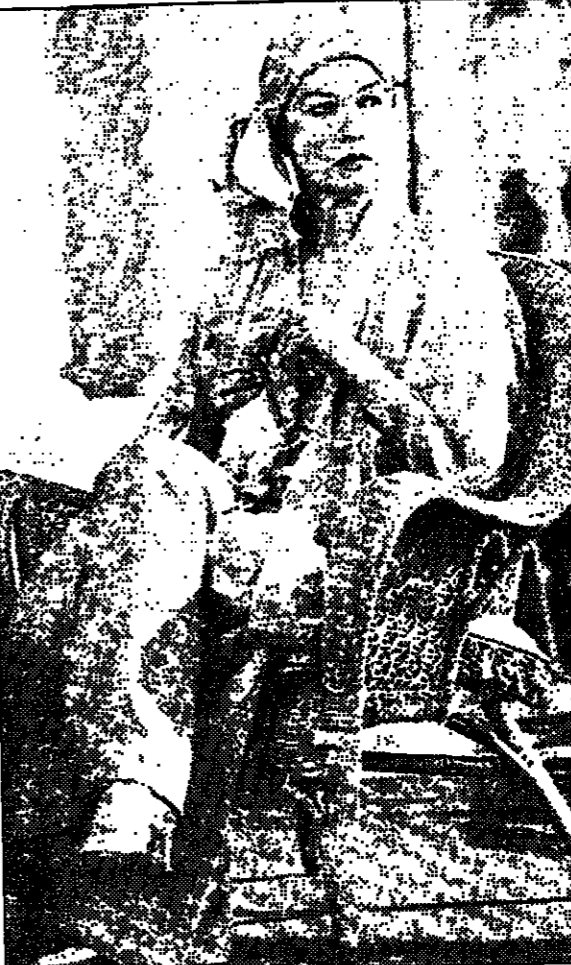
Radio 3. 6.55 Weather, News Headlines. 7.00 Morning Concert: Schütz.

Radio 4. LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF. 3.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing.

The making of Nina

TELEVISION CHOICE

I suspect that if Strange Interlude (Channel 4, 9.00pm) were written now, it would be dismissed as soap opera...



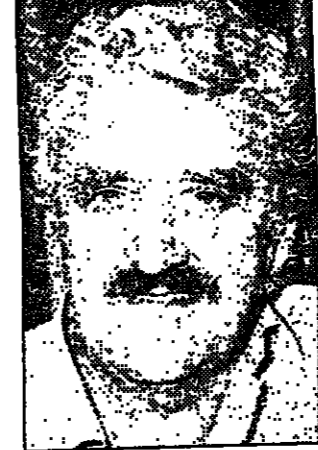
High class soap? Glenda Jackson stars as the tragic Nina in a three-part adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's play (C4, 9.00pm)

As Glenda Jackson said in an interview: "O'Neill writes speeches, not dialogue. The problem for a television adaptation is to transpose O'Neill's theatricality to an intimate, naturalistic medium. It is a tension which runs throughout Herbert Wise's production without quite being resolved."

A straw in the wind?

RADIO CHOICE

The arrival on Radio 3 tonight of what you could loosely call a soap opera is a watershed happening that is only marginally less conceivable than a Bach organ recital on Radio 1.



Bernard Cribbins: a talented and fine actor (R4, 3.00pm)

bomb says it better. Because the recruitment advert for the resurrected street theatre group says that age, ethnicity and sexuality are no problem, it goes without saying that McLaren assembles a mongrel roster. It accommodates, inter alia, a black teacher (Cyril Nn), an ex-civil servant whose mature frame harbours an

RADIO 4

4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: A week in the life of struggling writers Jacqui Kay and Nick Herrett. How do they scratch a living from their art? (r)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; VHF-86-90.2. Radio 2: 1275kHz/240m; 1453m/330m; VHF-86-90.2. Radio 3: 1275kHz/240m; 1453m/330m; VHF-86-90.2. Radio 4: 188kHz/1515m; VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/281m; VHF 87.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF-95.8. BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/208m; VHF 94.9; World Service: MF0-68/488m.

Kensington battle is an impassioned affair on and off the streets

Thatcher clash on poll tax charges

By Nicholas Wood Political Correspondent

The power struggle in the Kensington, west London, by-election boomed over in the Commons yesterday as the Prime Minister and Mr Roy Hattersley, the Labour deputy leader, clashed over projected community charge levels for the constituency.

Mr Hattersley claimed that the Conservatives in the campaign were fabricating the figures by citing a sum which was only one third of that announced by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

However, Mrs Thatcher said that the community charge would be £122 a head after the £218 overspending of the Inner London Education Authority (Ilea) had been eliminated and after the money paid under the safety net had been abolished.

She criticised Mr Hattersley over Ilea's financial and educational record. However, he countered by accusing her of proposing a big cut in education spending throughout inner London.

Meanwhile, the Conservative campaign in by-election tomorrow received an unexpected boost from the Social and Liberal Democrats which released figures pointing to a handsome Tory victory tomorrow.

The canvass returns from the SLD put Conservative support at 48 per cent, Labour at 26 per cent, the SLD at 20 per cent and the SDP at 3 per cent.



Contrasting styles: An exuberant Mr Dennis Healey, former deputy leader of the Labour Party, regales Mrs Ann Holmes, Labour candidate in the Kensington by-election, on the campaign trail yesterday while Mr Jeffrey Archer, former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, makes a point to a constituent in Kensington High Street. (Photographs: Tim Bishop)

Mr Dudley Fishburn, the Conservative candidate, who has been fighting a low-key campaign, maintained that every by-election was a "marginal" and that he was taking nothing for granted.

Mr William Goodhart, the SLD candidate, denied that he was predicting a Tory victory, saying that he was looking for a repeat of past late swings that have swept third party candidates into Westminster.

Mr Clive Soley, Labour's campaign manager, said the Tories were "rattled" because of the success of the Opposition's assaults on its policies over the poll tax, housing and social security changes. The Labour vote in the poorer northern part of the constituency was "firm" while the Tory vote in the south was "soft" and threatening to abstain in big numbers.

Such partisan figures are usually unreliable, a point made immediately by Labour



By-election sketch

Ten out of ten for satisfaction

What a marvellous word is "satisfactory" and how under-used it is outside the schoolroom. It covers a universe of meanings, yet is only employed when things are not quite what was hoped for.

"Satisfactory" on a school report is only ever used to describe marks somewhat under five out of 10, yet its air of competence saves many a child the rod. Yesterday it enjoyed a most heartening revival in the SLD and SDP morning press conferences for the Kensington by-election.

By and large, the press believe that both parties, now such bitter enemies, are way on course for disastrous results tomorrow. In their hearts, both parties seem to know this too. This is where the word "satisfactory" comes in. Asked his predictions for the SLD result, Mr Charles Kennedy declared: "We will come out with a very satisfactory result."

Mr Robert Macleanman seemed to think likewise. "I anticipate we'll do much better in this by-election than had been forecast before we began," he said.

"I agree with what Bob has just said," chipped in Mr David Steel. "... I hope very much this by-election will provide the springboard for our new leader."

makes him look rather more like that versatile glove-puppet Sweep. "I think the 3 per cent could be described as statistically insignificant," he squeaked.

Down the hill at the SDP, Rosie Barnes and Dr Owen seemed to think that everything was going rather more, er, satisfactorily for them.

"In some areas we're fairly clear we've been able to win some support that was not there before," said the doctor. He has now become so addicted to giving the left's not-get-too-carried-away view of things that he applies it rather over-readily to his party's own prospects, failing to muster much optimism.

"Wouldn't it be a tremendous humiliation to lose your deposit?" asked a journalist. "That depends on the result," replied Dr Owen. Only a few days before, his candidate, John Martin, had been determinedly declaring that he was aiming to win.

But Dr Owen still managed to take heart from what he had been saying. "We are now beginning to see the identity of the party that I hoped would emerge in 1981," he declared. Looking at the identity of the party on show - the odd, doll-like figure of Rosie Barnes, her face now absurdly over-embellished, now as sullen as a waxwork, alongside the heavily bespectacled, know-it-all face of Mr Martin - it seemed a most bizarre hope, and one scarcely worth waiting a full seven years to see realized.

Dr Owen spends much of his time and energy in not attacking his former colleagues. Instead, he points out that they are spending a lot of their time attacking him, and doesn't that tell you all you'd want to know about the kind of people they are? Mr Martin favours the more direct approach. When Dr Owen was asked to comment on a recent claim to the roots of Social Democracy from Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Mr Martin stepped in. "Aristocratic nonsense," he said, reminding the press of the days Dick Taverne had spent waiting for "his friend and colleague Roy Jenkins" to appear at his by-election, "and he was in vain". And what could be less satisfactory than that?

Craig Brown

Gulf War withdrawals 'smack of peace move'



Continued from page 1 enjoying a peaceful border with Iran like the "green line" which exists between Christian east and Muslim west Beirut. "This is a confidence-building operation and a first step to evolve a dialogue between Iran and Iraq," said Mr Koppitz, who emphasized that the disengagement did not rule out the possibility of continued aerial and naval attacks by both sides.

Western diplomats were sceptical about the alleged deal, and put Iran's recent losses down to war-weariness and a gradual collapse of the country's military infrastructure. They said that the only conceivable peace settlement was through the UN Security Resolution 598.

Faults on rig mooted

Continued from page 1 Mr John Brading, the company's UK chief executive, said the leak occurred six weeks ago in the one area of the platform still standing. It had absolutely no connection with last week's explosion, he said.

He produced a statement on gas leaks for two months before the explosion showing that so far as the company was concerned, the word "leak" meant an incident which caused or had the potential to cause injury, damage, asset loss, occupational illness or pollution.

The June 1 leak was the only incident recorded by on-shore management during the period. High winds continued to hamper attempts by Red Adair's team to clear debris from the remaining part of the platform yesterday.

Greek ferry massacre 'part of hijack plan'

Continued from page 1 exploded accidentally if they had listened to a radio news at 6pm or seen a television broadcast aboard the cruise ship at 6.30pm.

If so, they apparently decided to take immediate action. Twenty minutes after the television news they lobbed the first hand grenade into the funnel of the cruise ship and started spraying passengers and the bridge with machine gun fire.

The Greek authorities now believe that the team did not escape aboard a speed boat as had been thought, but may have stayed aboard the ship as she was being towed, abandoned and smoldering, to a repair dock at Patateira, or gone aboard a rescue vessel with the rest of the passengers.

Dukakis picks Texan

Continued from page 1 bert Gore, Congressman Richard Gephardt and Lee Hamilton, and the Rev Jesse Jackson. All had been extensively interviewed by Mr Paul Brountas, the chairman of the Dukakis campaign.

Mr Jackson, whose relations with Mr Dukakis have deteriorated in recent weeks, made a strong claim to be chosen, saying at one point he believed he had earned a place on the ticket because of his strong showing in the primaries. On Monday, in what was seen as a last-ditch effort to extract concessions from Mr Dukakis, he said for the first time he would accept the vice-presidential nomination.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,720

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Defendant's pleading to recover contents of 11? (8). 5 Nut-producer ready to join partnership (6). 10 In Paris, a long-established artistic event (5). 11 Browning prepared what it contains, piece by piece (5-4). 12 Inferior by contrast with the dear queen? (5-4). 13 French master at home on the staff (5). 14 Reign after internal reform, with me in administration (7). 16 It helps actor to have fun in small part (6). 19 Widow's donation, mostly for singularly pious type (6). 21 Handles four-in-hand (7). 23 Superior part of Oxford (5). 25 A head's translation (3,6). 27 Deceive maiden before I fall for another one (9). 28 Desire for something - with a start, it's done! (5). 29 Clue is removed from this study (6). 30 List contracts for this manufacturer (8).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

Solution to Puzzle No 17,719 with crossword grid and answers.

WEATHER

A band of rain, sometimes heavy stretching from Wales, central and eastern England to central Scotland, will gradually move north over the rest of Scotland during the morning. The rain will be replaced from the south by bright or sunny spells and showers, and some of the showers could be heavy and prolonged, perhaps with a rumble of thunder. Temperatures will be a little lower than yesterday. Outlook: cool and unsettled.

Table with columns for AROUND BRITAIN, LONDON, MANCHESTER, HIGHEST & LOWEST, LIGHTING-UP TIME, and THE POUND.

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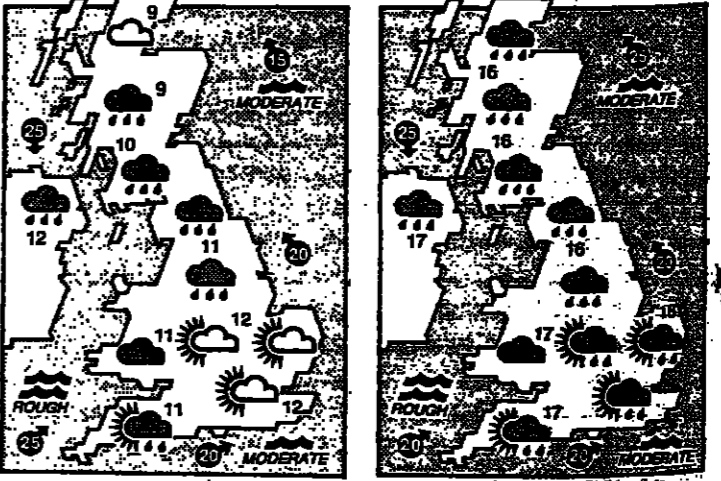
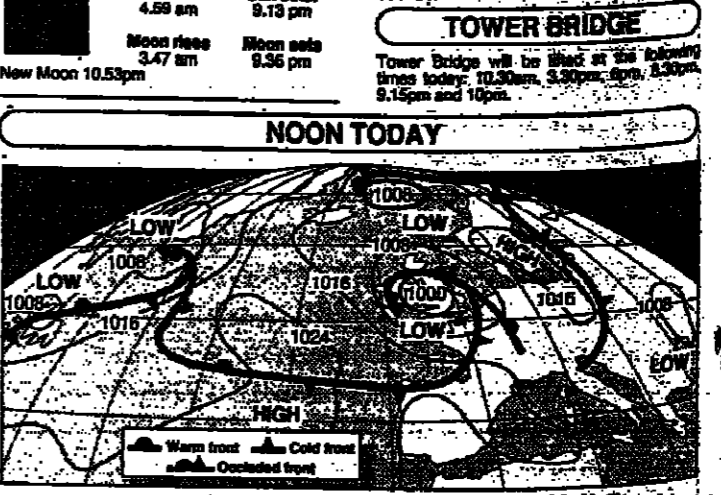


Table with columns for LONDON, MANCHESTER, HIGHEST & LOWEST, LIGHTING-UP TIME, and THE POUND.



This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 13 per cent of the competitors at the 1988 Bristol regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

News stake in Pearson not referred to MMC

The News Corporation's 20.5 per cent stake in Pearson, the banking and publishing conglomerate that owns the Financial Times, is not to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The decision not to refer The News Corporation's purchases was taken by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in accordance with the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director-General of Fair Trading.

Tate & Lyle Burton in £50m sale

Tate & Lyle has sold a production facility and team in Crosby, Texas, bought as part of its £831 million purchase of Staley Continental, to Henkel, the West German chemicals group, for an undisclosed sum.

£5.7m Goodman buy

Goodman Group, Britain's biggest Benetton franchise, with 24 outlets, has bought Parkes Clothing, a north London mens' fashions outfit, in a deal that could be worth £5.75 million.

Delta expands in Australia Edinbrough campaign

Delta Group, the engineer, is paying up to Aus\$12.9 million (£6.04 million) to Tubemakers of Australia, for Industrial Galvanisers. Of the consideration, Aus\$2.3 million is a profit-related deferred payment.

BM reorganizes

BM Group, the engineering company, has reorganized its divisional and corporate structure. The group's operations will be divided into four categories: construction, technologies, building, and consumer products.

COMPANY BRIEFS

- REXMORE (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.747 (£0.531)m EPS: 7.21p (4.71p) Div: 1.25p mkg 1.80p
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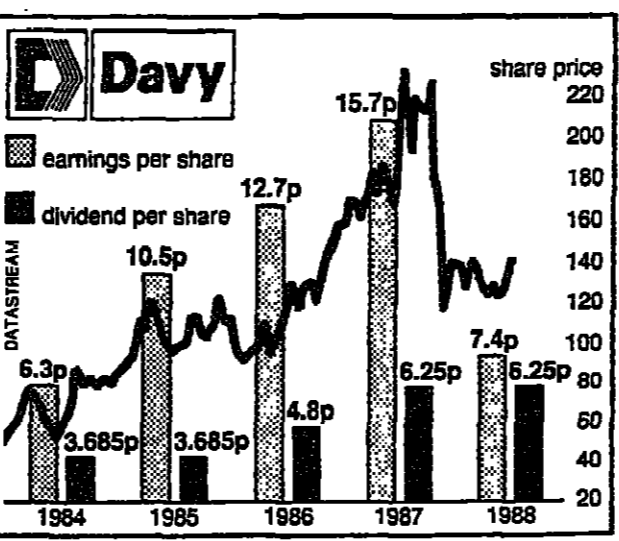
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Davy shares hang on thread of hope

Lord Jellicoe, chairman of Davy Corporation, can be grateful that England has not hanged a lord of the realm for centuries, otherwise there might well have been a public hanging this morning.



One year ago the noble lord asserted that his neck was safe on the forecast that Davy, after years of disappointments, had turned the corner and that prospects were bright.

Profits could well climb back to £20 million, or even to £27 million, but significant dividend increases look some way off yet. The 5.7 per cent yield, though of some comfort, does not make Davy anything particularly special.

British Steel

Memories of the disastrous British Petroleum flotation are so fresh in the mind that the Government will be unlikely to pull off another British steel.

STOCK MARKET

RHM shares at record on takeover talk

Almost £62 million was added to the £1.5 billion stock market value of Ranks Hovis McDougall yesterday as recent bid talk reached a crescendo.

The FT-SE 100 share index ended 18.3 points down at 1,858.5, while the FT 30 share index finished 16.2 points off at 1,494.3.



The stories are clearly the result of someone's vivid imagination but it has succeeded in putting some pep back into the Jaguar share price which has been under a cloud of late.

More than 5 million shares changed hands with the Ranks' share price soaring 18p to a new all-time high of 440p, after touching 444p earlier.

Speculation intensified after reports that the Australian conglomerate was attempting to raise Aus\$3 billion on the Eurobond market. There is now talk that it is prepared to offer 500p a share which would value RHM at £1.7 billion.

Analysts have been putting Barclays on their buy lists recently, ahead of the interim results which are due on July 27.

Shares of Y and V have leapt from about 260p to the current level in less than three weeks on speculation that Mr Rudd was casting his predatory eyes over the group.

Dealers cannot make up their mind whether Goodman Fielder intends to bid for the rest or sell its stake on to someone else who will.

Albert Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor built up by Mr Tony Millar, a former Hawley man, advanced 6p to 111p with a little help from the broking arm of SC Warburg Securities.

Other clearers moved cautiously forward, ahead of the dividend season, with Lloyds closing 3p higher at 303p, Midland 1p dearer at 444p and NatWest 2p up at 590p.

Bliss Arrow's profits leap from £9 million to £28 million did not impress the London market but has been warmly received on Wall Street. Since chairman Mr Tony Berry's pep talk last week, US fund managers, including Fidelity of America, have bought an extra 12 million.

ANZ owns up to error in results

The dull trend was exacerbated in late trading by news from Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average dipped below the psychological 2,100 level in early trading.

Parkfield Group doubles dividend

Parkfield Group, Mr Roger Felber's growing conglomerate, is more than doubling its dividend from 3p a share to 7p, after an 88 per cent increase in pre-tax profits in the year to end-April.

Dow slips 3 points in early deals

New York (Reuters) - Shares turned lower in early trading yesterday after being mixed in the first hour.

WALL STREET

Table of Wall Street market data including stock prices for various companies like AMD, AMR, and others, with columns for date and price.

Beer inquiry extended

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday granted a six-month extension to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to complete its investigation into the supply and distribution of beer for retail sale on the country's 80,000 licensed premises.

Beer inquiry extended

The MMC has been working on the report since August 1986, but the detailed nature of the study of some 70 brewing companies means that the original deadline for completion next month cannot be met.

Beer inquiry extended

In an interim conclusion, the MMC said it was studying the "complex monopoly" existing in the beer supply trade, and the possibly anti-competitive relationship between brewers and their tied houses was among the issues under scrutiny.

Beer inquiry extended

A spokesman for the Brewers' Society said the industry was confident that the MMC could not show that a complex monopoly existed, but even if it could, the brewers were sure it was not against the public interest.

Beer inquiry extended

He said that the last MMC report in 1969 also took over two years to complete, only to rule that the disadvantages of limiting or ending the tied-

Beer inquiry extended

house system outweighed the advantages. It recommended an easing of the licensing laws as a way of increasing competition.

Beer inquiry extended

Since the last MMC report, the European Economic Community has brought in regulations which accept the use of "exclusive purchasing agreements" - a concept covering Britain's 45,000 tied houses.

Beer inquiry extended

Shares picked up in the afternoon as operators began to set their sights on the 3,000 mark in the Hang Seng index. Frankfurt - The DAX 30-share index, calculated once a minute during the day, ended at 1,184.85, 11.74 points down on Monday. The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at midday, fell by 11.5 points, or 0.77 per cent, to 1,487.5.

Chrysalis setback prompts talk about 'going private'

By Cliff Feltham

Chrysalis, the quoted record company, stunned the City yesterday when it gave warning of a sharp profit fall for the current year.

"substantially below" the £7.2 million made during the previous 12 months. The company's broker, Scrimgeour Vickers, slashed its own forecast to £2.5 million.

United States." His property business has also pushed through fewer deals. The US record company was starved of releases from its big-selling artists such as Pat Benatar and Huey Lewis.

AMI profit depressed by nurses' pay award Higher pay for nurses means lower profits for AMI Healthcare, at least in the short term.

AMI, the 65 per cent US-controlled private health group, has raised its nursing salary levels after the 15.7 per cent government pay award in the spring, and says this will have "a significant impact on short-term profitability".

Solid investment core to candy floss society

COMMENT

Bank lending on property continues to grow rapidly in the three months to May. According to the Bank of England's quarterly analysis of advances, more than three-quarters of the increase in personal bank lending in the latest period was linked to house purchase, and that was within an overall increase in the personal sector substantially higher than in the previous three months.

payments deficit reflects increased imports of both consumer and capital goods so bank lending is increasing rapidly to both persons and manufacturers — and more rapidly, in recent months, to manufacturers. Capital investment is vital if the rapid rise in productivity is to be sustained, and if productivity can be increased industry can meet a greater proportion of demand in the economy without inflationary consequences.

Yet the figures do not reveal merely a candy floss society busy spending its way towards the next balance of payments crisis. The encouraging feature of the analysis is the continuing sharp rise in lending to manufacturing. After minimal increases during the latter part of last year advances have suddenly leapt in the six months to May, reaching more than £2 billion in the latest quarter.

The increase in lending to manufacturers does not absolve the Government from a responsibility to cool the economy down. On the contrary, room must be found for the demands of the manufacturing sector. That is why some City economists — for instance at Shearson Lehman — are talking of the need for a further rise in interest rates of up to 2 per cent.

The timing of any further increase will depend largely on sterling. Mr Lawson will prefer to wait and see the effect of the 2.5 per cent increase in base rates since the beginning of last month before making any further moves.

Profits build for Sandell Perkins

By Alexandra Jackson

High land prices, labour shortages and a lack of capacity by some suppliers could threaten the building industry, Mr Timothy Perkins, the chairman of Sandell Perkins, the leading builders' merchants in the south-east of England, said yesterday.

Mr Perkins said the current year had started well, although he doubted the gains in volume would be as great as in 1987-88. "We are seeing an attractive sales pattern in the regions, although early indications point to a flattening out in sales at several of our central London depots," he said.



Optimistic: Timothy Perkins, of Sandell Perkins, yesterday

Financial groups in merger

Comprehensive Financial Services, the USM-quoted financial adviser, has agreed a merger with Rathbone Bros & Company of Liverpool, in a deal which creates a group with a market capitalization of more than £14 million and above £300 million of private-client funds under management.

CFS will buy Rathbone for a maximum of £5.61 million, to be satisfied by the issue of 292 million new shares at 19.2p — 855,000 of them deferred and dependent on further evaluation of Rathbone's business.

writeback on an overseas contract. Sales in the half year rose from £225.5 million to £244.2 million. An interim dividend of 4.5p was declared (4.4p). The construction division had a bad first quarter, particularly in Britain, and by the period-end profits stood at £900,000, compared with £3.8 million in 1986-87. Overseas construction dropped from £1.7 million to £200,000.

Howden up sharply to £10m

By Martin Waller

A sharp recovery in the fortunes of Howden Group, the Glasgow engineer, was signalled yesterday by pre-tax profits of £10.18 million in the year to end-April, against only £142,000 last time.

The turnaround resulted from the elimination of problems at its Californian wind farm and of losses at the Howden Compressors subsidiary, said the chairman, Mr Johnny Johnson. The Californian windmill, which contributed to a £7.8 million exceptional debit last time, had been fully re-commissioned and the cash drain had ceased, while the compressors side was back in profit despite the fall in the value of the dollar, Mr Johnson said.

Last year Howden was awarded two big orders connected with the Channel tunnel — a £15 million contract for two of the main tunneling machines and another for temporary ventilation fans. Mr John Heron, engineering analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the brokers, is looking for £16 million pre-tax this year but says this is a conservative estimate.

Microgen up 12% to £5m

Microgen Holdings, the specialist in transferring computer output on to microfilm, had a disappointing start to the year, with a 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £5 million in the first six months. Until now, the group had been enjoying annual average profits increases of 16 per cent.

Gandalf rebuffs CASE defence

Gandalf Technologies, the computer group, behind a hostile £57 million bid for CASE Group, has retaliated at the CASE defence document, which claimed the offer significantly undervalued the group.

Ford Sellar sells shops

Ford Sellar Morris, the property group, is selling its chain of 13 menswear shops to Amber Day Holdings, the clothing group, for £5.5 million cash. Amber Day is raising the cash through the placing of 13 million shares at a price of 42.5p.

Bennett pays £6m for Lees

Bennett & Fountain Group, the electrical distributor and retailer, has agreed the £6 million purchase of Edwin P Lees, a private group with 78 outlets in England. Lees is 25 per cent owned by 3i, which has given irrevocable undertakings to accept the Bennett offer, which is in ordinary or preference shares. The Lees directors and families holding the rest of the equity are also in agreement.

Matsushita opens factory

A plant where Kyushu Matsushita Electric, of Japan, will produce electronic typewriters and printers was opened yesterday in Duffryn, Newport, south Wales.

Excilibur expands on return to profit

By Our City Staff

Excilibur Jewellery, the Birmingham-based company where Mr Michael Griffiths moved in as chairman last year, has announced three acquisitions for an initial total of £5.5 million and a return to profit after seven years of losses.

Black gold loses its shine

The effect on North Sea prices of the Piper Alpha tragedy proved to be remarkably short-lived, further undermining the huge imbalances in the world oil market. North Sea prices are once again under \$14 a barrel and falling and the black gold has once again lost its shine.

The short-term outlook for oil prices depends on the attitude of the majors towards rebuilding their stocks for the autumn and winter, and the ability of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to tackle over-production. Neither factor looks like providing much support for prices.

The fact that it is necessary to say that all this is good for the British economy gives an indication of the extent to which the image of the oil-dependent economy of the first half of the 1980s remains a powerful one.

The fact is that lower oil prices, once the bane of British chancellors, now come as a source of blessed relief. For Britain, and for other industrial countries, the weakness of oil prices will act as a useful counterweight to other

inflationary pressures. Indeed, had sterling not suffered at the hands of a stronger dollar over the past few months, the fall in oil prices would have fed through to reductions in petrol prices, easing some of the worries about rising inflation.

Oil revenues, which were targeted in the Budget at £3 billion in the current financial year on an oil price assumption of \$15 a barrel, are not to be sneezed at. They are equivalent to a couple of pence off the basic rate of income tax or several new NHS hospitals. But it is no longer the case that the prospect of falling oil prices causes worries on the public sector borrowing requirement.

The Chancellor could do without all of his North Sea taxes this year and achieve the planned £3 billion public sector debt repayment, although he probably will not want this story to get around too much ahead of tomorrow's Cabinet meeting on public spending. North Sea taxes are now only 1.5 per cent of government receipts, compared with 8.5 per cent as recently as 1984-85.

Pensions rush boosts L&G

Legal & General has boosted its new worldwide life, pensions and investment business by 43 per cent to £509 million in the first half of 1988. The star performer was the British pensions business, where new annual premiums jumped by 118 per cent to £34 million in the rush to start Section 226 pensions.

Bell holds on

Bell Resources has decided to retain a 5 per cent holding in Australia's Broken Hill Proprietary, according to a broking consortium that offered to buy the Aus\$512 million (£240 million) stake.

Irish placing

Memory Computer, the Dublin-based systems manufacturer, has raised IR£1.57 million (£1.35 million) by a placing of 7.14 million new shares at 22p each.

£1.1m deal

Control Techniques is buying Worthing-based Control Instrumentation from Control & Readout, the private group, for £1.1 million cash.

£15m raised

Monks Investment Trust has placed £15 million of 11 per cent debenture stock at £100.92 per cent.

Brokers change channels

In the week that Phillips & Drew turfed out three former partners, two other erstwhile partners have, I hear, set up in opposition to the old firm. Andrew Stewart, once a partner with WI Carr, specialising in the Far East, who joined the Jersey office of P&D eight years ago, last week launched Channel Islands Portfolio Managers Ltd. It will offer an old-fashioned portfolio and broking service primarily for private clients. Its co-founder is Colin Cavill, also an ex-P&D partner and, together with funding from their own pockets and that of clients, they have, I am told, pieced together a capital base of some £600,000.

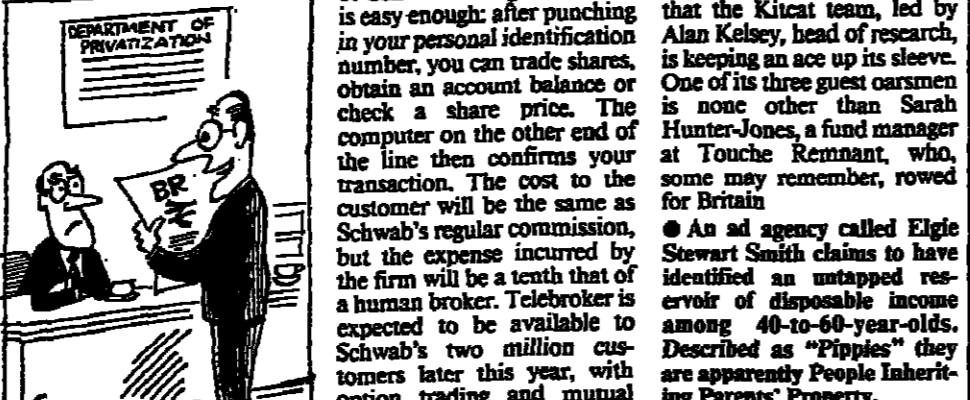
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Iacocca on the attack

Anglo-French financier Sir James Goldsmith takes quite a passing in Talking Straight, the latest tome from Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca, published last week. Sir James is criticized for being a corporate raider in his move for Goodyear. Iacocca quotes the Goodyear chief as saying that Sir James did not understand the business he was bidding for. "Can you imagine Goodyear being run by some-

Dial a deal

Could this mean the end of the old-style City as we know it? Perhaps, if tests being carried out by US discount broker Charles Schwab & Co prove successful. The Wall Street



"Maybe we could raise it?"

After eights

Clive Anderson, the transport analyst at broker Kitcat & Aitken, will, I hear, be trying out an unusual method of transport on the Thames to-morrow night. He will be one of the key constituents of a rowing eight from his firm which will compete against the merchant bank Robert Fleming in a race between Hammersmith and Putney Bridges. The "friendly" challenge was laid down by Michael Baines, a fund manager at Flemings, but Anderson now wants to extend it to the rest of the Square Mile. "The Stock Exchange and Lloyd's used to have an annual challenge, but that seems to have been dropped a couple of years ago," Anderson says. "I know it's short notice, but if anyone wanted to take part in an impromptu knockout they would be more than welcome." But, for a so-called "friendly", Kitcat has been training awfully hard. While Fleming has been keeping mum about his entry, led by Alan Kelsey, head of research, is keeping an ace up his sleeve. One of its three guest oarsmen is none other than Sarah Hunter-Jones, a fund manager at Touche Kemnott, who, some may remember, rowed for Britain.

Carol Leonard

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Investors count cost of dealing with DPR

Investors have lost thousands of pounds dealing with DPR Futures. The firm was suspended on Monday - too late for many, reports Lawrence Lever

What do a security officer, an engineer, a pensioner, a student and a magistrate have in common? They have lost thousands of pounds through succumbing to the high-pressure selling tactics used by DPR Futures - the futures and options broker suspended on Monday by the Securities and Investments Board.

investing a small amount at first and then sucked in to invest far more.

"Due to these constant calls, my wife had to take the telephone lead out of its socket," one disappointed DPR client, Mr David Wright (not his real name), told the Times.

"At first I declined to invest, but after receiving three telephone calls pressing me to act fast while the market was in my favour, I was persuaded to invest an initial £2,000 in a contract," wrote another investor.

Mr Leslie Kostick, a pensioner, who lost about £20,000 with DPR, wrote to the company afterwards. He said: "Having been pressured by some 10 telephone calls from

because, supposedly, this made them more bullish. "Chairs are for bears, let's get bullish!" he would shout.

If they persuaded clients to deal, the DPR salesmen were told to ask clients to send a telephonic transfer of money from their bank account into DPR's. If they lived in the London area, salesmen would send a courier around to the client's home. The idea in all cases was to have the money in before the client could change his mind.

If the client did not have the ready funds, DPR salesmen would suggest they cash in their shares, and send a courier round to pick up the share certificates.

The pattern of high-pressure selling to private investors was

DPR salesmen were told that if the level of commissions was challenged by investors they should point out to them that they were provided with a guaranteed stop-loss.

This meant that investors could not lose more in one contract than they had staked. However, the cost to DPR of providing this facility was only between \$60-\$90 and the stop-loss level was set so close to the market price that many contracts were very quickly wiped out, since all the investors' margin was used up.

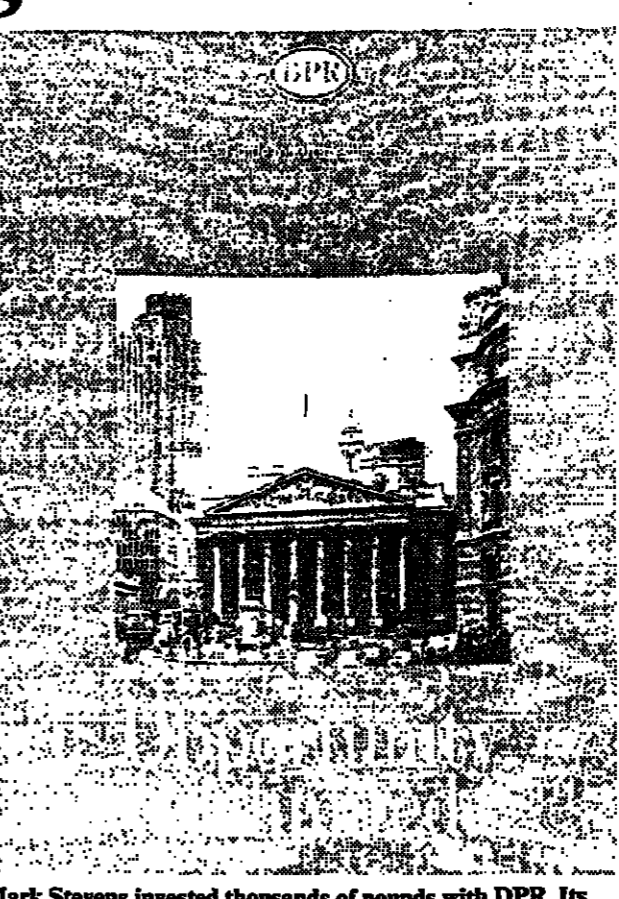
Mr Kostick, who lost about £20,000 with DPR, maintains that out of this he paid commission of about £10,416. Another investor wrote to The Times, saying: "In a little more than three months £15,000 has been reduced to £45 and commissions totalling something like £13,500 have been charged."

Many investors have complained that DPR acted without instructions from them. Some, for instance, complained that they were put into commodities contracts without their permission. Almost all investors who contacted The Times complained of how difficult it was to obtain a clear statement of their account.

Mr Francis Jurksaitis, a magistrate, lost more than £3,200 on futures deals. He claims that the company ignored specific instructions that he would invest only if his losses were limited to £2,000. Mr Mark Stevens, an engineer aged 24, and his father



Francis Jurksaitis (top) and Mark Stevens invested thousands of pounds with DPR. Its brochure offered the prospect of "very high returns" - but investors ended up as losers



Markheath up 475% to £10.1m

Markheath Securities, the British investment vehicle of Mr John Spalvins, the Australian entrepreneur, is taking a more aggressive approach to stake-building.

Markheath, which yesterday reported a big jump in profits, has now lifted its holding in Camford Engineering, the motor components group, to 7 per cent.

Markheath reported pre-tax profits for last year up by 475 per cent to £10.15 million, swelled by profits of £7.3 million mostly from selling its 20 per cent stake in Coates Brothers.

Mr Spalvins' Adelaide Steamship group controls 49 per cent of Markheath.

Parkdale pays £3m to start chain of hotels

Parkdale Holdings - headed by Sir Peter Parker, the former British Rail chief - is moving into the hotel business. It is paying £1 million for The Limes, Needham Market, Suffolk, and £2.1 million for The Bay Tree, Burford, Oxon, as part of its plans to build up a chain of small country hotels.

Parkdale reported a pre-tax profit of £2 million for the first six months of the year, against £1 million for the same period last time. The interim dividend rises 22 per cent to 1.1p a share.

ALPHA STOCKS

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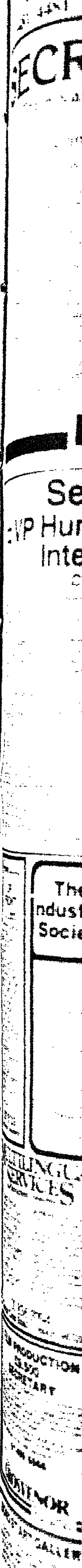
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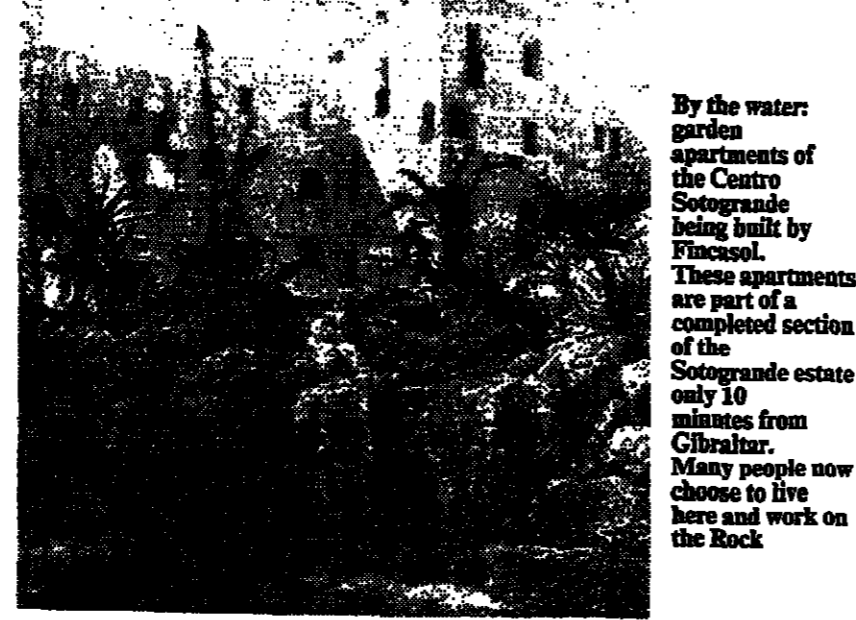


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OVERSEAS PROPERTY

The buyers stay with Spain

Buying a holiday home in Spain is still the first choice of purchasers seeking a base overseas.



By the water: garden apartments of the Centro Sotogrande being built by Fincasol.

About 8 per cent of the purchase price should be allowed for essential taxes and IVA, the Spanish value-added tax.

The emphasis at Dominion Beach is on space. All the homes have large living areas, spacious halls and plenty of terracing.

The low-rise apartment blocks as well as the town houses are in the neo-classical Moorish Mediterranean style with a Romanesque facade.

The completed flats are sold, and off-plan sales range from £137,000 to £255,000 for a two-bedder and from £239,000 to £477,000 for a three-bedder.

Dominion's next project, to be known as Dominion Heights, is in 70 hillside acres on a site across the main road from its first scheme.

and the first phase of 85 town houses is planned for completion next April.

Planned sporting facilities include a one-acre tiered swimming pool, which Mr Morley says will be big enough for windsurfing.

Details: Dominion House, 49 Parkside, London SW19 5NB (01-946 5522).

Just a few kilometres to the east a Swiss-based consortium is constructing an angled block of 24 one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom flats.

There is a show flat on site, and all the flats are expected to be completed by Christmas. All have air-conditioning, central heating, fitted wardrobes, marble bathrooms and either a balcony or a terrace with views towards Gibraltar.

Building of the hotel is due to start in August and there are plans for the landscaped gardens, which lead directly to the beach.

The London solicitors Osbornes are the London selling agents for Suites de las Duenas.

apartment block and the hotel are in traditional Andalusian style.

Simon Malster, a partner with Osbornes, says: "Because of the management facilities which will be available within the hotel, the figures we have indicated that the rental return on the apartments could be as high as 7 per cent per annum of capital because of the facilities the hotel can offer."

Details: Osbornes, 93 Parkway, London NW1 7PP (01-485 8811).

Perhaps the greatest change along the western end of the Costa del Sol since the opening of the border with Gibraltar has been on the vast Sotogrande estate just 10 minutes from the border.

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Fincasol is building the Centro Sotogrande, a vast mix of apartments, commercial units and a sports and leisure club, which has residential accommodation. The apartments are completed and sold.

Details: Fincasol Ltd, 18 Queen Street, London W1X 7PJ (01-499 6187), or Fincasol SA, Cardijo los Canos, Km 133 CN340, Sotogrande (Cadiz) (010 34 56 792811).

Diana Wildman

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LONDON PROPERTY: NORTH OF THE THAMES: STANFORD BROOK - W8. PARSONS GREEN SW6: Spectacular Victorian style house.

COSTA DEL AZAHAR (The Unspoilt coast of Spain). BALEARICS: MENA: English owners sell magnificent villa exclusive to Costa.

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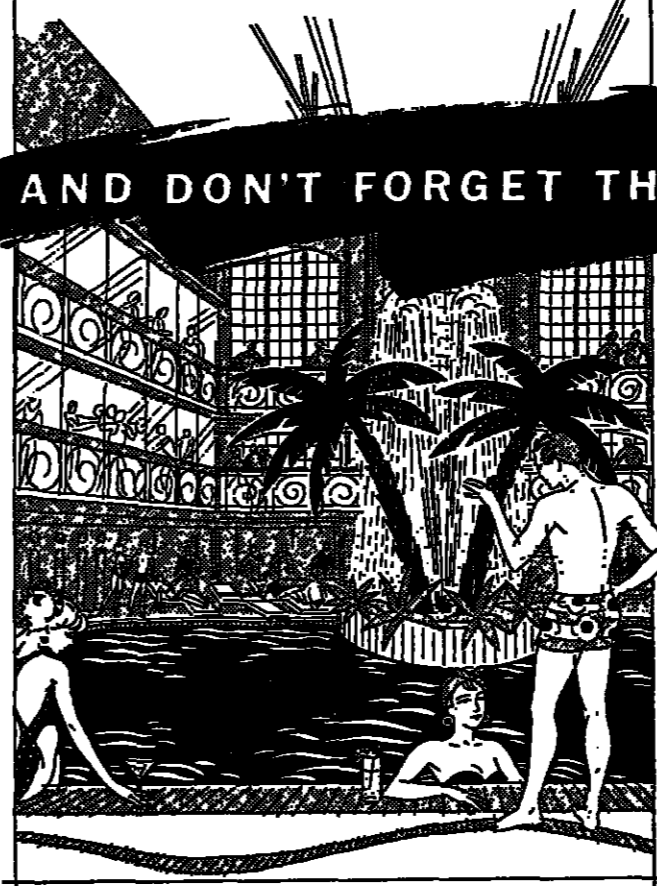
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Van Poppel's dash downhill proves his sprinting status

Jean-Paul van Poppel, in winning the tenth stage of the Tour de France yesterday... proved emphatically that he is the fastest cyclist in the world in a tight sprint finish.

race — which finishes in the Alps, there is no change to the overall lead, but it is made for a slender Luis Herrera.

RUGBY UNION

Taylor is ruled out with hand injury

Townsville, Australia (Reuter) — Warwick Taylor, the All Black centre, will miss the second international against Australia in Brisbane on Saturday because of a broken right hand.

Winners in The Times fund run

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Top fund-raisers for The Times/Tandem Computers London Marathon Appeal: Fane (left), James and McCrow (right)

Charity runners receive a cash bonus

By David Powell. More than £40,000 has been raised for charity by the 11 runners who completed this year's Mars London Marathon...

confidence, self-respect and self-discipline to return to employment. McCrow's efforts have been channelled towards the Kerland Foundation...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lions call up Waddell to face Wellington

Wellington (Reuter) — Britain have included six international players in their team to play Wellington in the opening match of their New Zealand tour today.

SNOOKER

White's miss could prove so expensive

From Steve Acteson. Jimmy White's hopes of claiming the Fiat snooker and pool challenge from Steve Mizera...

TENNIS

Potter makes recovery

Newport, Rhode Island — Barbara Potter survived a testing encounter with the grass-court specialist, Betsy Nagelsen...

BOXING

Tyson's new game plan

New York (Reuter) — The world heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson, closed the door shut on his association with his manager...

Lendl plays

Tokyo (AFP) — Ivan Lendl, the world No. 1, will head a field of 32 players in the \$627,500 men's tennis tournament to be held here from October 18 to 23.

Williams blow

Sydney (AFP) — Jan Williams, the Australian winger, will not be able to join the Wallabies' tour of Britain later this year...

First for Myers

Indianapolis (Reuter) — Terry-Jo Myers, with a 276, won the Mayflower Classic golf tournament...

Court of Appeal

Guidelines on identification of defendants in rape cases

Regina v Chance. Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Roch and Mr Justice Henry. This is a case which involves evidence of identification. In a case like this there should be corroboration of that identification...

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Any hint of bias must be avoided

University College of Swansea v Cornelius. Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr J. P. Bell and Ms P. Smith. Where a lay member of an industrial tribunal, hearing a complaint by a secretary...

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Leeds City Council v Azam and Another. The burden of establishing the applicability of section 75 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976...

